



## The City of Philadelphia

Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy

Department of Commerce

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### CREATIVE INDUSTRY WORKFORCE GRANTS

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#### Overview

The creative sector is an integral component of the economy and culture of the City of Philadelphia. It includes the nonprofit arts and culture community as well as for-profit arts, entertainment and creative businesses. This grant program is a part of the *Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy's* larger strategy to nurture and develop this sector by providing specific programs and resources to the creative industries. This grant program also intersects with *The Commerce Department's* business services, neighborhood development, business attraction and job creation efforts.

#### Program Goal

Grants will provide funding for the construction or renovation of permanent offices or facilities linked to job creation (including permanent jobs, and temporary construction, installation, architectural and engineering jobs). Eligible projects include new or renovated office space, mixed-use facilities, artist workspace and creative industry incubators designed to retain and attract businesses and jobs.

#### Eligibility

In conjunction with the purpose of ARRA funds, the applicant must demonstrate that the project can start within three months from the award date. The project must also meet federal CDBG eligibility; i.e. located in a low/mod income neighborhood, serving a low/mod income customer or creating low/mod income jobs. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations, community development corporations, for-profit creative businesses, microenterprises, and other businesses with projects that meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the RFP.

#### Funding Source

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R).

**Total Grant Program Budget:** \$500,000

**Grant Range:** \$20,000-\$100,000

**Application Deadline:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

You must apply online through eContractPhilly (Opportunity # 21091112130103) <https://ework.phila.gov/econtractphilly/>. For specific RFP information, please attend the public meeting on November 23, 2009 from 3pm-5pm in the Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall Room 202. Please direct all questions via email to [creative@phila.gov](mailto:creative@phila.gov).