Ingenuity believes Chicago has a once in a generation opportunity to make change within the arts on a scale that matters.

**Ingenuity**

Our mission is to ensure that every CPS student, in every grade, in every school has access to the arts as part of a well-rounded education.

[Learn More]
The Creative Schools Fund leverages the rich cultural resources of Chicago to:

1. Build arts capacity in the schools that need it most
2. Increase sustainability for arts education in schools
3. Seed innovative models for replication within the district
4. Fuel classrooms with art supplies and materials

In five years:
- Grants to almost 300 schools
- Arts Essentials grants to 92% of schools in district annually
- $10M in cumulative direct-to-school granting
2018-19 Fund: Goals

Fill Gaps Via Partnership
- Work with an arts partner
- Add or deepen a discipline

Make Arts More Sustainable in the School
- Professional development, curriculum building
- Increased access for students

Develop Innovative Models
- New or enhanced practices
- Potential for replication
Who Can Apply?

Eligibility

The Creative Schools Fund supports schools that have made initial and essential investments in the arts. To apply for a grant from the Creative Schools Fund, a school must have the following:

• A CPS Creative Schools Certification category of 1, 2, 3 or 4 for the 2016-17 school year
• A Principal-nominated Arts Liaison
  – nominate your AL at this site: bit.ly/ArtsLiaisonNomination
• Staffing in keeping with recommended ratios:
  – For schools with more than 350 students, a minimum of one full-time certified or endorsed arts instructor; an additional certified or endorsed arts instructor per every 350 additional students
  – For schools with less than 350 students, a minimum of a part-time certified or endorsed arts instructor
• Schools must adhere to CPS policies related to working with arts organizations and ensure the presence of a certified instructor in the classroom. All participating arts organizations must have current partner profiles on www.artlookPartners.com and an active CPS vendor number at the time of submission.
What Can Grants Support?

Eligible Activities

- In-school-time arts programming provided by an arts partner
- Out-of-school-time teacher planning and/or peer-to-peer learning
- Consulting support and teacher non-instructional extended day pay to:
  - engage in teacher professional development and skills-building
  - build new or enhance existing arts curricula
  - Plan and implement arts integration efforts
- Field trips and experiential arts learning
- School performances, exhibitions and events
- Additional materials, supplies and technology for arts learning
- Physical modifications that specifically enable the school to engage in more minutes of arts instruction or expand discipline breadth or depth

Funds may not be used to support projects that replace arts instruction provided by a certified or endorsed classroom teacher or arts specialist, out-of-school time arts programs (ex. after-school) or CPS teacher salaries.
Creative Schools Grants

Up to $10,000

Grants must forward one of three distinct goals:

1. Fill a gap in arts instruction via partnership with an arts organization
   - Arts education need & plan to address
   - Effective, collaborative, creative use of partner org

2. Make the arts more sustainable in the school
   - Inspire lasting benefits, with an emphasis on professional development, curriculum building
   - Increase access to the arts for students; progress along Certification continuum or maintain progress already achieved
   - Sustainability = arts program maintains its value and scope even in the face of changes in school staffing and/or funding - i.e. the arts are woven into the fabric of the school

3. Develop innovative models that can be replicated in the district
   - Comprehensive and cohesive strategy for arts ed.
   - Degree of innovation or evidence base
Special Supports for Category 4 Schools

Creative Schools Certification Category 4 schools are eligible for additional supports to build and sustain successful arts education programs.

These supports include technical assistance and optional application review from Ingenuity volunteers leading up to the grant submission deadline, as well as support through implementation and reporting to ensure program success.
Leadership Awards: Category 1 Schools

Category 1 schools may opt into consideration for a Leadership Award of $5,000 to supplement their Creative Schools Grant. Successful recipients of a Creative Schools Grant with a Leadership Award supplement may receive up to $15,000 in funds to support their work. Opting into consideration for a Leadership Award will require a short statement about how additional funds will be used to supplement the existing Creative Schools Grant proposal.

Leadership Awards will be allocated to Category 1 schools that have achieved sustainability for the arts in their school and whose arts education program(s) may serve as a model within the district. They may be used for any arts-related need in the school.

As part of the Award, recipients may be asked to participate in or facilitate peer-to-peer learning within the district. These activities are designed to capture best practices and opportunities for innovation from Category 1 arts education programs for the benefit of all schools.

Additional responsibilities will be limited to no more than 10 hours over the course of the semester.
Grant Targets

Ingenuity intends to award at least 75 grants in the 2018-19 school year.

Ingenuity will target 10 Leadership Awards for Category 1 schools that opt into consideration for the Award as part of their Creative Schools Grant application.

Further, Ingenuity has established the following targets for grants to schools across Certification Categories:

- Category 1: 10
- Category 2: 20
- Category 3: 30
- Category 4: at least 15
Arts and education experts review applications and make recommendations to the Ingenuity Board. The review committee strives to award grants to:

- the strongest applications that meet the criteria for each type of grant
- schools in all CPS Networks, with some priority to Networks that are under-resourced in the arts
- schools in all Creative Schools Certification Categories (1-4) and of every type (elementary and high schools; neighborhood, Contract, Charter, Options, ISP, etc.)
- proposals representing all artistic disciplines, with some priority on those disciplines that are under-represented in the district at large
- applicants with demonstrable school-based arts leadership
Deadlines for 2018-19 Application

Important dates to remember:

July 25 2018
Application portal opens

October 5 2018
Grant application due

December 17 2018 - Jan 2 2019
Grant recipients and arts partners notified

The grant period for the 2018-19 cycle is January 2nd – June 30th 2019.
All grant activities must conclude by the end of the 2018-19 school year.

For technical assistance through the grant cycle, the best way to contact us is over email:

csf@ingenuity-inc.org
tf@ingenuity-inc.org

For technical assistance on the due date of the application (Oct. 5th), please contact the Creative Schools Fund’s director, Elizabeth Cole, directly at 773-454-0698.
Application Questions – What’s New This Year?

We still want to know…

1. That a school is meeting recommended ratios of arts staffing (1FTE per 350 students) and if not, why
2. The discipline(s) the school will cover and whether arts integration will be part of a program
3. Weeks of instruction, minutes per week, ages of students, and # reached
4. Concise project summary
5. How the project will meet relevant Creative Schools Fund goals
6. What students will learn or how they will benefit
7. Program budget

This year we’re also asking…

1. About the student population who will be served and how this program will address their specific needs
2. How collaboration, whether internal or external, will be built into how the project is conducted
3. If working with an arts partner, then what is the arts partner’s vision for quality arts teaching?*

The vision for quality arts teaching is a new term Ingenuity is using as part of its Arts Partner Standards of Practice. Our web site includes links to frameworks and tools to guide development of the vision for quality arts teaching, among other elements of quality.
Information/Questions?

csf@ingenuity-inc.org

www.ingenuity-inc.org