

## **FY 2027 Jim Rouse Theatre Subsidy - GUIDELINES**

### **Application Calendar**

February 2026	Grant applications available online at <a href="http://hcac.gosmart.org">hcac.gosmart.org</a>
May 7, 2026	Deadline for applications. Applicants can submit up to 11:59 PM.
September, 2026	Earliest announcement of grant award or rejection
July, 2027	Final Reports Due

### **General Information**

HoCo Arts established a Rental Subsidy Program in 1997 to assist local arts organizations in utilizing The Jim Rouse Theatre for the Performing Arts on the campus of Wilde Lake High School in Columbia.

### **Purpose of the Subsidy Program**

- To foster excellence, diversity, and vitality in arts offerings for Howard County residents.
- To broaden arts opportunities for Howard County audiences, artists and arts organizations.
- To increase the availability of arts activities in Howard County.

### **Goals of the Subsidy Program**

- To maximize use of The Jim Rouse Theatre by local arts organizations.
- To make The Jim Rouse Theatre affordable for arts activities sponsored by local arts organizations.

### **Qualifications of Applicants**

- Organization must be incorporated as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, 501(c)3.
- Applicant must be an arts organization based in Howard County. Applicant organization must maintain their primary office and present at least 50% of their arts programs in Howard County.
- Organization must be soundly managed and financially accountable, and provide proof thereof.
- Activities of applicant organization must be open to the general public, whether free or fee based.
- Reasonable accommodations must be made for people with disabilities upon appropriate notification of need.

- Note: No capital funds may be included in the budget. HoCo Arts does not fund travel, budget deficits, capital expenditures, purchases of permanent equipment, or projects whose primary function is not artistic, such as fundraising events.

### **Subsidy Request**

- Subsidy request may not exceed one-half of the total rental expenses or one-half of the total HoCo Arts funds available for subsidies and must be based on the actual cost of renting the theatre excluding additional production and technical costs

### **Deadline**

- The deadline for submission is **May 7, 2026 at 11:59PM.**
- Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.
- Applicants may be asked to clarify or revise application.
- All required attachments and supplemental information must be included.
- Please direct all questions regarding preparation of these forms to HoCo Arts at 410-313-2787.

**If your organization is not applying for a FY 2027 CAD Operating or Project grant, but would like to apply for the JRT Subsidy, please contact HoCo Arts at 410-313-2787 for further instructions.**