



Info Session: 2026 NYSCA NYTAP Regrant Program

November 12, 2025

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NYSCA NYTAP Regrants: Overview

- New York-based literary magazines and presses may apply for one-year grants of \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$7,500 to support projects that build organizational capacity and ensure greater sustainability.
- This program serves as an interim step toward applying to NYSCA for publishers with budgets large enough to be eligible but without the capacity to apply, and for those publishers with budgets too small to be eligible to apply to NYSCA directly.
- All projects must focus on capacity building, not the routine costs of publishing.

Eligibility

- Applicants that received NYSCA funding for 2026 are ineligible.
- Applicants must be New York State-based literary magazines and/or presses.
- Applicants must be nonprofit organizations or have a fiscal sponsor.
- Applicants must have published at least one title or issue within the past 18 months.
- Applicants that primarily publish children's literature or children's writing are not eligible.
- Self-publishers (over 50% of content published by authors on staff) and "hybrid" publishers (in which authors pay for part or all of publication costs) are not eligible.

Requirements

- Requested amounts cannot exceed 50% of an organization's operating budget of the most recently completed fiscal year.
- Applicants must be able to complete the proposed project by November 30, 2026.
- Applicants are required to provide a final report to CLMP at the conclusion of the regrant period. Note: 25% of the funds will be held and released to grantees only upon the completion of a satisfactory final report.

NYSCA NYTAP Regrants

- Registered nonprofit OR has a fiscal sponsor
- Located in New York State
- Ready to execute a project that will help build organizational capacity

Professional Development Consulting Program

- Nonprofit OR for-profit publishers
- Located anywhere in the United States
- Need professional, expert guidance in order to set a course for and execute a project

Timeline

- November 17, 2025: Application portal opens
- January 8, 2026, 5 p.m. ET: Application portal closes
- February 2026: Grants announced
- February–November 2026: Grant period
- November 30, 2026: Projects completed
- December 15, 2026: Final reports due

Application

- Applications will be accepted through Submittable.
- The application portal will open on November 17, 2025.
- A downloadable version of the application is available on our website.
- **CLMP will not be reviewing drafts of applications this year, but please contact us with questions.**

Review Process

Grants will be recommended by an independent panel of three individuals with expertise in the literary field. Final grant decisions will be approved by a committee of the CLMP Board of Directors.

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Clear and complete articulation of the proposed project
- Feasibility of the project as described in project description and budget
- Potential impact on organizational capacity and/or sustainability
- Artistic excellence of the submitted work and contribution to the literary field

Building a Strong Application

- **Capacity-building:** “Whatever is needed to bring a nonprofit to the next level of operational, programmatic, financial, or organizational maturity, so it may more effectively and efficiently advance its mission into the future. Capacity building is not a one-time effort to improve short-term effectiveness, but a continuous improvement strategy toward the creation of a sustainable and effective organization.” – National Council of Nonprofits
- Opportunity to address pain points in operations to create long-term improvement
- Project areas typically include software upgrades, design projects, accessibility initiatives, special marketing efforts, development/fundraising efforts, distribution projects, staff/leadership training, succession planning, etc.

Building a Strong Application

- Emphasize the long-term impact!
 - Help reviewers understand how this project will create lasting change in how your organization functions
- For limited projects, demonstrate the effect of this one-time effort
- For ongoing work, explain how the work will continue once the grant period ends

Building a Strong Application

Examples of projects might include:

- Marketing/promotional initiatives that reach new audiences
- Website redesign/upgrades in order to facilitate more direct sales, audience growth, accessibility, etc.
- Expansion into new types of publications (chapbooks, audio books, e-books, etc.)
- Skill-building opportunities for staff or board members
- Subscriptions to platforms that will improve sales/operations, such as Edelweiss, royalty tracking systems, customer management systems
- Launch of a new program, event series, fundraising initiatives
- Succession planning and implementation
- Hiring of a temporary employee for a specific capacity-building project

Building a Strong Application

- For helpful information about applying to this and other grant opportunities, please consult the following CLMP resources:
- [How to Apply for Grants: Tips for Writing Successful Applications](#)
- [Examples of Previously Funded Projects](#)
- [Applying for Grants 101 Webinar](#) (for CLMP members)

Questions?

Visit <https://www.clmp.org/funding-for-publishers/nysca-nytap-regrant-program/>

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