CWAM Grant Guidelines 2025

Applications due November 1, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

Purpose

The purpose of the CWAM Grants program is to advance professionalism throughout the CWAM region. Often times it takes a small amount of cash to make a good program a great program. It can mean the difference between adequate lighting and great lighting, sufficient collections storage and appropriate collections storage, basic programming and exceptional programming.

Eligibility

CWAM grants may be awarded to CWAM Institutional Members who are either independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations or are owned and operated by such organizations or by local government agencies.

Requirements

- Applicants must be CWAM Institutional Members in good standing
- Funding is not available for ongoing projects: only those applications addressing NEW projects with **start dates after November 21, 2025** will be considered
- A financial match **is not** required
- All grant recipients are required to submit a final report in the form of an article, with images, for the CWAM website. **Final reports are due on or before October 31, 2026.**
- Institutions may only submit one application per year

Examples of projects suitable for funding:	*Examples of projects NOT suitable for funding:*
Improved collections storage	One time entertainment
Disaster planning	Salaries or stipends
Website enhancement	Volunteer/staff recognition awards
Exhibit planning or construction	Travel
Staff training/consultant fees	General operating support
Computer software upgrades	

Grant amounts

Six grants up to $750 each will be awarded in 2025. Museums may apply for a smaller amount than $750. Museums may also apply this $750 towards a portion of a larger project.

Application process and deadline

- Create a word document or PDF using the CWAM grant application. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Include any quotes or additional documents in the same document.
- Applications are due Wednesday, November 1, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. MST
- Notification will be given by December 1 , 2025. Payment will be mailed upon acceptance of the grant award.
- Final reports are due on or before October 31, 2026.

Submit completed applications to:

Elizabeth Beaudoin, CWAM Grants Chair, beaudoin.gouin@gmail.com
Please put “CWAM grant application” in your email subject line.

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For questions concerning the CWAM Grant Program, please contact Elizabeth Beaudoin by email or call 603-843-7186.