The Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) supports universal access to the arts.

The Agency abides by state and federal laws that prohibit public support to organizations (people or entities) that discriminate against people with disabilities. Therefore, each grantee is required to assure that they are in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

**Americans with Disabilities Act**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that persons with disabilities have access to public programs for services on an equal basis with the rest of the general public. Furthermore, federal law mandates that any program or service that receives federal or state funding must be accessible to persons with disabilities. The IACA is committed to ensuring that the programs and services we fund are accessible to persons with disabilities, including those with visual, hearing, mobility, and learning impairments. The Department originally published its ADA title II and title III regulations on July 26, 1991, including the 1991 ADA Accessibility Guidelines (1991 Standards). [https://www.ada.gov/2010_regs.htm](https://www.ada.gov/2010_regs.htm)

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By signing an IACA application or grant agreement, grantees are in effect acknowledging that their programs, services, and facilities are accessible, or a plan to make them accessible is in place and being followed.

Funds may not be granted unless applicants are able, if requested, to provide documentation of their efforts to be complying.

To help you through these requirements, you can access the National Endowment for the Arts website to download a copy of the NEA "Section 504 Self Evaluation Workbook"
The IACA provides technical assistance and consultation to organizations seeking assistance in ADA Compliance, contact:

**IACA 504/ADA Coordinator:**
Teresa Davis  
Email: Teresa.N.Davis@illinois.gov  
Tel. 312-814-6753  
TTY 888-261-7957

**PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES**

**NEA Design for Accessibility: A Cultural Administrator’s Handbook:**  
[https://www.arts.gov/about/publications/design-accessibility-cultural-administrators-handbook](https://www.arts.gov/about/publications/design-accessibility-cultural-administrators-handbook)

**Graphic Artist Guild Accessibility Symbols** to download: [https://graphicartistsguild.org/downloadable-disability-access-symbols/](https://graphicartistsguild.org/downloadable-disability-access-symbols/)

**LOCAL RESOURCES**

**Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium:**  
[http://chicagoculturalaccess.org/about-us](http://chicagoculturalaccess.org/about-us)

**Accessible Equipment Loans:**  
[https://chicagoculturalaccess.org/equipment-loans/](https://chicagoculturalaccess.org/equipment-loans/)

**Access Living Chicago:** [https://www.accessliving.org/](https://www.accessliving.org/)

**Access Living Chicago/Arts & Culture:** [https://www.accessliving.org/arts-and-culture](https://www.accessliving.org/arts-and-culture)

**STATE RESOURCES**

**Illinois Cultural Accessibility Network (ICAN):**  
[https://chicagoculturalaccess.org/ican/](https://chicagoculturalaccess.org/ican/)  
ICAN is a state-wide volunteer network connecting arts and cultural organizations to become more accessible to people with disabilities and older adults.  
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**The Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC):** [Great Lakes ADA Center](https://greatlakesada.org/) provides information, materials, technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).
Arts Midwest Accessibility Center is a website offering lots of information about making your program, facility, or website accessible: http://www.artsmidwest.org/resources/accessibility

Illinois Department of Human Services/ Disability & Rehabilitation: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29727

The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois: https://silcofillinois.org/

NATIONAL RESOURCES

A thorough listing of information on accessibility and the arts is also available through the National Endowment for the Arts Office of Accessibility: https://www.arts.gov/impact/accessibility

For additional information and assistance with accessibility as it relates to the arts and Section 504, contact:

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The U.S. Department of Justice provides free Americans with Disabilities Act materials online. Printed materials may be ordered by calling the ADA Information Line at 800/514-0301 (voice), or 800/514-0383 (TDD).

Federal ADA and Disability Resources: https://www.ada.gov/ada_fed_resources.htm


Kennedy Center VSA-The International Organization on Arts and Disability: https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/

National Arts and Disability Center website lists accessibility resources for every state. The site offers information on a number of topics including arts and accessibility,
careers in the arts, assistive devices, services and products, and designing accessible websites: http://nadc.ucla.edu/.

National Council on Disability: https://www.ncd.gov/about

National Council on Independent Living: https://www.ncil.org/


VSA, The international organization on arts and disability: http://education.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/