



**ADA COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT INFORMATION  
and  
ACCESSIBILITY & DISABILITIES  
RESOURCES**

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)

**2022 GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION  
REQUIRED SECTION 504 SELF-EVALUATION WORKBOOK**

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:

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**PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES**

**NEA Design for Accessibility: A Cultural Administrator's 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/>

**LOCAL RESOURCES**

**Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium:**

<http://chicagoculturalaccess.org/about-us>

**Accessible Equipment Loans:**

<https://chicagoculturalaccess.org/equipment-loans/>

**Access Living Chicago:** <https://www.accessliving.org/>

**Access Living Chicago/Arts & Culture:** <https://www.accessliving.org/arts-and-culture>

**STATE RESOURCES**

**Illinois Cultural Accessibility Network (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.

ICAN is an initiative of CCAC. This program is partially supported through a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency, a state agency.

**The Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC):** [Great Lakes ADA Center](#) 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](https://www.ada.gov/ada_fed_resources.htm)

**Kennedy Center Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability (LEAD) Workshops & Conference:** <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/networks-conferences-and-research/conferences-and-events/lead-conference>

**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/>

**Centers for Independent Living:** <https://acl.gov/programs/aging-and-disability-networks/centers-independent-living>

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