SECTION 504 SELF-EVALUATION WORKBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

This Program Evaluation Workbook (Workbook) is designed to assist the staff of Endowment grant recipients in evaluating the current state of accessibility of their programs and activities to disabled visitors and employees. More specifically, the Workbook is intended to assist organizations in their efforts to: (a) comply with the Endowment's regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, including the preparation of a self-evaluation of all programs, activities, policies, and practices to determine areas of noncompliance, and (b) better understand the relationship between 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Workbook is also designed to be used in conjunction with DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, A Cultural Administrator's Handbook a how to guide for making arts programs accessible to people with various disabilities. Please see the "Resource List" page of this Workbook to obtain a copy. The Arts and 504 Handbook is no longer available.

The Workbook has been made available for users to fill out online and "Save As" a PDF document. Please note: upon completion, the Workbook should be printed and filed.

The Workbook is a tool to help you evaluate your programs, activities, and facilities. It is the first step in a process leading to a self-evaluation document (and transition plan, if needed). Based on the information you compile, this Workbook could be utilized to satisfy a portion of the self-evaluation requirements. Recipients are required to maintain a file of information gathered during the self-evaluation/transition plan process and keep it for a three (3) year period. This information must be made available to the public and the Endowment upon request.

Section 504 provides for equal opportunity to enter facilities and participate in programs and activities. It does not require that every part of every facility or program be accessible. The important considerations are that disabled people have the same opportunities in employment, the same opportunities to enter and move around in facilities, the same opportunities to communicate, and the same opportunities to participate in programs and activities as non-disabled people. Further, it is important to offer employment, programs, and services in settings that are integrated rather than to segregate disabled people with special programs.

Some of the questions in this workbook may not apply to your organization. However, if you find yourself skipping a large number of questions, you may be misunderstanding the fundamental mandate behind the Section 504 requirements. If so, please read Chapter 1 of **DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY** for an explanation of the purpose and meaning of the regulations.

The self-evaluation contained in this Workbook will help you to evaluate the degree of accessibility of your programs, activities, and facilities so that you can plan full program accessibility. Your self-evaluation must include a review of all functions of your organization. Disabled individuals and/or organizations that represent disabled individuals should be included in the self-evaluation process. The self-evaluation must include an examination of:

- employment and personnel policies and practices;
- the extent to which programs and activities are readily accessible and usable by persons with disabilities;
- the extent to which the delivery of benefits and services are free from discriminatory effects on disabled persons; and
- the extent to which contractual arrangements are free from subjecting disabled persons to discrimination.

RELATIONSHIP OF 504 TO ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment (Title I), state and local government services (Title II), and places of public accommodation and commercial facilities (Title III).

The ADA extends the requirements of 504 to all activities of state and local governments under Title II, and under Title III, to "places of public accommodation" operated by private entities, including places of "public display or collection" such as museums. Arts groups operated by state or local governments, therefore, are covered by Title II of the ADA, while those operated by private entities are covered by Title III. Both Titles II and III were effective on January 26, 1992. Organizations operated by Federal Executive agencies are not affected by the ADA, but are covered by the requirements of Section 504 and 501 for federally conducted programs and activities.

The requirements of the ADA for places of public accommodation and state and local governments are based on, and are essentially the same as, the requirements of Section 504. The major difference is in the requirements relating to architectural barriers in existing facilities. Under Title II, state and local government entities are covered by the same standard as is used under Section 504 with respect to existing facilities. They must ensure that the services, programs, and activities they offer are accessible to individuals with disabilities, but they may use alternative methods for providing access.

Private organizations that operate places of public accommodation (i.e., entities that are not state or local governments) are covered by Title III. In existing facilities, public accommodations must remove barriers when removal is "readily achievable" -- that is, easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense. What is "readily achievable" will be determined on an individual, case-by-case, basis in light of the resources available. The case-by-case approach takes into account the diversity of enterprises covered by Title III and the wide variation in the economic health of particular entities at any given moment.

Public accommodations that are also recipients of federal financial assistance must comply with the requirements of both Title III of the ADA and Section 504. Thus, under Title III, they must remove architectural barriers if removal is readily achievable, even if it would be possible to provide program access through alternative methods. And, if barrier removal is not readily achievable, they must still comply with Section 504's requirement for provision of program

access. Thus entities covered by both Title III of the ADA and Section 504 Rehabilitation Act must comply with both laws. Compliance with Section 504 does not guarantee compliance with the ADA.

The most rigorous physical accessibility requirements apply to new construction and alterations. The Department of Justice's ADA regulations adopt specific architectural standards for new construction and alterations. Places of public accommodation and commercial facilities covered by Title III must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG). State and local governments may use either ADAAG or the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), which is the standard used under Section 504.

THE ENDOWMENT'S ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 504

Recipients of Endowment funds are required to certify that their programs and activities are and/or will be conducted in compliance with the Endowment's regulations implementing Section 504 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The National Endowment for the Arts takes the enforcement of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act seriously. If the Endowment discovers that a recipient is in noncompliance with the 504 Regulations and/or Title II, the Endowment has authority to suspend and/or terminate funding.

SELF-EVALUATION CHECKLIST

I. General

This checklist is presented as a guide to identify physical barriers that might restrict access to individuals with disabilities. Use of this particular checklist is not mandatory, but is provided to assist grant recipients in completing the required self-evaluation of compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The following general list of disabilities should be considered, although it is not considered to be all-inclusive:

- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment
- Speech Impairment
- Coordination Disabilities
 (impairments of muscle control resulting in loss of faculty coordination)
- Mobility Impairment
- Emotional Psychological Disorders
- Learning Disabilities
- Life Threatening Diseases (HIV, AIDS virus)
- Missing Limbs

NOTE: One of the most effective approaches to examining service and program accessibility is to conduct a "client path analysis." This analysis is simply a walk-through of the process needed for a citizen to participate in a service you provide; for example, musical production. There are two aspects to the analysis: (a) analysis of the physical path traveled, and (b) analysis of the administrative requirements of the service delivery, (e.g., eligibility criteria, application procedures).

II. Policies and Practices Concerning Employment for Qualified Disabled Persons

The following areas concerning employment should be examined, although it is not considered to be all-inclusive:

A. Employment Practices and Policies

- 1. <u>Employment Practices</u> applications, advertising, recruiting, preemployment inquiries, interviewing, physical examinations, testing, etc.
- Personnel Policies position descriptions, statements of qualifications, job classifications, salary schedules, work schedules, leave policies, fringe benefits (medical/life insurance, retirement benefits), training, promotions, layoffs and terminations, evaluations, collective bargaining agreements, etc.
- B. Reasonable accommodation for "qualified disabled individuals"
- C. Effective grievance procedures
- D. On-going employee seminars to promote understanding

III. Physical Accessibility to Facilities Used by the Public

The following list for facilities should be evaluated, although it is not considered to be all-inclusive:

- Elevators
- Ramps
- Doors and Doorways
- Rest Rooms
- Water Fountain
- Identification (for room or offices)
- Switches and Controls (lights, heat, etc.)
- Hazards (manholes, protruding or low-hanging objects
- Communication

- Parking Spaces
- Entrances
- Stairs
- Floors, Floor Coverings
- Public Telephones
- Lighting
- Emergency Signals
- Public Meeting Rooms
- Fire Exits

NOTE: Grantees are not necessarily required to make each existing facility or every part of an existing facility accessible to and usable by disabled people. However, they must ensure that their programs and activities, when viewed in their entirety, are accessible and usable by disabled individuals.

IV. Actual Self-Evaluation Workbook

Contained on the following pages is the actual self-evaluation workbook.

The questions in this self-evaluation workbook are cross-referenced to the Endowment's 504 Regulations and to **DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY**. The appropriate sections of the Endowment's 504 Regulations are listed next to each question in the right margin.

ALL OTHER REFERENCES ARE TO DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY.

You may fill this workbook out electronically. If after or while completing this workbook you have any questions or need copies of the **Section 504 regulations**, please contact:

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The Web site address for the Civil Rights Office of the National Endowment for the Arts is https://www.arts.gov/about/civil-rights-office.

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BURDEN STATEMENT

The Office of Management and Budget requires federal agencies to supply information on the time needed to complete forms and also to invite comment(s) on the paperwork burden. The Endowment estimates the average time to complete this application is four (4) hours per response. This estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, researching, gathering, and maintaining the information needed, and completing and reviewing the data. Please send any comments regarding the estimated completion time or any other aspect of this evaluation, including suggestions for reducing the time to complete, to the Civil Rights Office, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (3135-0101), Washington, DC 20503.

Page 6	DO YOU QUALIFY?	504 REGS SECTION
A.	When organizations make application to the Arts Endowment for a grant, they certify that they will comply with certain federal nondiscrimination laws including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. When so certifying, the prospective grantee agrees to comply with the 504 Regulations during the grant period with two exceptions. If any personal property is acquired with federal assistance, this assurance obligates the applicant for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. If any real property or structure is improved with federal assistance, this assurance obligates the applicant for as long as the property or structure is used for the purpose for which it was acquired at the time the grant was awarded or similar public purpose. Are you applying for or have already received an Arts Endowment grant? Yes. Your organization qualifies and the 504 Regulations apply to your organization. Go to question D. No. Answer questions B and C to see if you qualify otherwise.	1151.1, 1151.2, 1151.41
B.	Does your organization receive any funds from other federal agencies or state arts agencies? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER TWO, PAGE 26. Yes. List each project grant or contract through which you receive federal or state money. No. If you receive no federal or state arts agency funds nor any local or state funding subgranted from a federal source, then the 504 Regulations may not apply, but the ADA might.	1151.3 (e) (f) NEA Partnership Agreement, State Arts Agency dues
C.	Is your organization supported by a local or state government agency that receives federal funds? "Yes. Contact that agency's general counsel to determine to what extent the 504 Regulations apply to your organization. List any projects that are supported with this agency's funds: "No. If you answered no to both B and C, then the 504 Regulations do not apply to your organization. However, note that ADA requirements may still be applicable.	1151.3 (e) (f)
D.	Do you have a copy of the 504 Regulations from each federal agency funding your organization?	1151.3 (e) (f)

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https://www.arts.gov/about/civil-rights-office	
Office of Civil Rights	
Department of Health and Human Services	
3300 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20201 http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/	
U.S. Department of Justice	
Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section	
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	
Washington, DC 20530	
https://www.justice.gov/crt/disability-rights-section	

II.	ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS	504 REGS SECTION
A. <u>S</u>	elf-Evaluation	1151.42
1.	Has your organization conducted a 504 self-evaluation? ☐ Yes. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 20-21. ☐ No. Assess your progress by answering the following questions:	1151.42 (e)
2.	Has a staff member been appointed as your organization's 504 coordinator? Yes. No. A 504 coordinator is not specifically required under the Arts Endowment's 504 Regulations as a full-time position, but it is recommended as at least a part-time assignment. Ultimately, someone representing your organization must sign a self-evaluation document and a transition plan (if required) committing your organization to accommodations for disabled visitors and staff. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 20-21.	1151.42 (a)(5) 1151.16 (d)
3.	Have you undertaken to identify the disabled population and organizations representing disabled people in the area you serve? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, PAGE 30 (A Person with a Disability definition). ☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 23-25.	1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.17a) (6)
4.	Does your state or local arts commission (agency) or arts service organization have an advisory committee that may assist you in evaluating your policies, programs, and other activities? Yes. No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGE 25. Does your advisory body include disabled individuals to advise and assist your efforts to ensure program accessibility? Yes. No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGE 25. The advisory body should contain at least one person who is mobility impaired, one person who is hearing impaired, and one visually impaired person, plus representatives from an association of disabled citizens (or developmental	1151.17 (a)(6), 1151.42 (a)

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	disabilities council), and representatives from the local organizations serving disabled constituents.	
5.	Do you have any disabled staff members who would be willing to serve on advisory committees for arts organizations or as consultants in their area of expertise? Yes. No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGE 25.	1151.42a)(1),(2),(3)
6.	Have you discussed overall architectural and program accessibility with your disabled employees, and are they participating in this survey? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER ONE, PAGES 8-10 CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 25-27. ☐ N/A	1151.22 (a) (d), 1151.42 (a)(1),(2),(3)
7.	If any structural accommodations are required, have you prepared a transition plan? Yes. No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPGER TWO, PAGE 21.	1151.22(b) (c) (d)
8.	Have you evaluated your policies and practices? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 23-30.	1151.42 (a)(1), 1151.16, 1151.17
9.	Have you modified or planned to modify policies/practices that are discriminatory? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 23-30.	1151.42 (a)(2),(3), 1151.22 (d)
10	Have you a completed, signed self-evaluation form on file? Yes.	1151.42(4)
	Does it contain a list of:	
	 a. the advisory committee? □Yes □No b. a description of areas examined and problems identified? □Yes □No c. a description of proposed modifications? □Yes □No 	

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	☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 23-30.	
1	 1. Have you established a grievance procedure to negotiate complaints with disabled people? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGE 23-30. 	1151.43
В. <u>Е</u>	<u>mployment</u>	1151.31
1.	504 includes a nondiscrimination statute which requires an organization not to discriminate against a disabled applicant if he or she is qualified for the position. However, an organization is not required to recruit disabled employees, fill quotas, reallocate essential functions, or create a position that does not exist.	1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.31, 1151.4(b)
	Does your organization make its job application process and public notices of employment accessible to people with various disabilities? Yes.	
	□ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 17-19, and PAGES 29-30.	
2.	Does your method of recruiting employees use appropriate communications for hearing impaired, visually impaired, and speech impaired people? Yes.	1151.16d)
	□ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 29-30 and CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 97-109.	
3.	Both Section 504 and Title I of the ADA prohibit the use of employment tests and other selection criteria that screen out individuals with disabilities, unless the employer can demonstrate certain designated factors. In addition, the ADA generally prohibits medical examinations and inquiries about the nature or severity of a disability. Are your policies in compliance with these regulations? Yes. No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 17-19 and PAGES 29-30.	1151.33, 1151.34
	1110, 1 AOLO 17-10 and 1 AOLO 25-50.	
4.	Do recruitment materials contain a nondiscrimination policy? [Note: A nondiscrimination policy should state that the organization does not "discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to or employment in its	1151.4 (b)

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	programs and activities." See 504 Regulations Section 1151.4.] ☐ Yes. ☐ No.	
5.	Have you any employees, panelists, or board members with disabilities at present? ☐ Yes. List position(s). ☐ No.	
6.	Have you employed any disabled people within the past 5 years? ☐ Yes. List position(s). ☐ No. If you have answered no to questions 5 and 6, go to question 8.	
7.	If you have had disabled employees, have you made reasonable accommodations—that is, modifications to your facilities or to the job structure to accommodate the employee(s)? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 29-32. Yes. Explain briefly what accommodations you have made. No. Modifications were unnecessary. Provide a brief explanation why unnecessary.	1151.32, 29 CFR 1630.2 Technology accommodations for screen reading and visual impairment, travel accommodations, communication in multiple formats, advance notice on meeting agendas and work assignments, flexibility on timelines
8.	Do your employment policies and practices discriminate against disabled people in any of the following areas? See 504 Regulations Section 1151.31(d) for a detailed explanation of each category. a. Recruitment Yes No b. Hiring, promotion, termination, and rehiring Yes No c. Rates of pay or compensation Yes No d. Job classifications Yes No e. Sick leave and other leave policies Yes No f. Fringe benefits Yes No g. Financial support for training Yes No	1151.31 (d)

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	 h. Employer sponsored activities, including social or recreational programs □Yes □No 	
C. <u>No</u>	<u>ptice</u>	1151.4
1.	Are your organization's administration and board of directors aware of 504 and its possible impact on programs and activities? Yes. No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGE 28	1151.1, 1151.16
2.	Has your organization made public notice in print, audio, and visual media that its programs or activities do not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission, access, or employment? Yes. Did you address:	1151.4(a)
	The public? Yes No Employees? Yes No Employee benefit agreements? Yes No Employment Agencies? Yes No Organizations representing disabled people? Yes No Collective bargaining organizations? Yes No Professional Associations? Yes No Professional Associations? Yes No No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 20-21.	
3.	Is the above notice in recruit materials or publications which contain general information about your organization? Yes. Specify which: No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 29-30.	Job postings, accessibility statement https:// www.artsmidwest.org/ resources/accessibility
4.	Do you emphasize that your programs and activities are accessible to disabled visitors in your advertisements, press releases, newsletters, and other publications?	1151.4(a)

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	☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER NINE, PAGES 155-160.	
5.	Do you advertise your programs and activities in multiple media so that visually, speech, or hearing impaired people can learn of your program independently?	1151.4 (a), 1151.16 (d)
	☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 24-25.	

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A. General Progr	am Accessibility	1151.16, 1151.17,
accessible to disabled people part in any of the activities as staff person, volunteer, perfo client, or student?	ties "when viewed in their entirety" e? That is, can a disabled person take sociated with the program whether as a rmer, audience member, artist, visitor,	1151.21, 1151.22 1151.22a) We promote available accessibility tools and instructions on
answer the following questio	organization is truly "program accessible," ns:	requesting accessibility tools for
	e organization regularly advertise I access to its events and services? □No	our meetings, webinars, applying for programs and grants.
2. Does th	e organization regularly advertise nmatic access to its events and services?	We will answe <mark>r in reg</mark> ard to in person and virtual events we facilitate
3. Is there	a fee or charge to attend or join the n? Explain.	(most of what we do is virtual). Our work is largely supporting
4. Is there Explain	a fee or charge to use the facilities? . □Yes □ <mark>No</mark> re discounts available?	grantees who are running these physical events.
□Yes □ <mark>No</mark>	ne discount rates?	events.
ACCES □Yes □ Is the n □Yes □ Is the n □Yes □ Is the si □Yes □ Is the si	umber listed on the letterhead? No umber listed in promotion material? No caff trained to use the TTs (TDD/TTY)?	
perform □Yes □		
8. Is there □Yes □		
□Yes□	en material available in print?	

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	11. Are there assistive listening devices? □Yes □No See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 102-104. What type is it? (FM, infrared, or Loop) 12. Are there audio-narrated performances/ tours/exhibits/events? □Yes □No How often are they offered? 13. Are audiovisual materials audio-narrated? □Yes □No See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 98-99. 14. Are audiovisual materials captioned? □Yes □No 15. Is printed material available in large print? □Yes □No 16. Is printed material available on audiocassette tape? □Yes □No 17. Is printed material available in Braille? □Yes □No 18. Does the organization have materials for communicating with learning impaired or developmentally disabled people? □Yes □No See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 108-109. □Answer "no" here if 1 - 18 above is no.	For Arts Midwest programming (webinars, meetings, professional development) we provide live captioning and offer materials in large print.

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	Are programs and activities presented in the "most integrated setting" appropriate to the needs of disabled people? That is, do disabled people have the same opportunity to participate as non-disabled, and are programs and activities designed to include both disabled and non-disabled people? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 23-29.	1151.16 1151.16 (e) 1151.17 (a), 1151.22 (b) We incorporate accessibility tools and
integr	rograms and activities in which disabled people participate in an ated setting: See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES	are prepared to receive and meet accessibility requests. We are still growing in proactive
23-29		accessible design.
2.	Do you currently sponsor programs or activities specifically for disabled people?	
	☐ Yes List the types of programs you offer, the disabilities they address, and the reason for having a "special" program.	
	Are these special programs offered only when there is no other way for the activity to be made available to disabled people? ☐ Yes.	
	□ No. Segregated or special activities for disabled people are not prohibited by 504 regulations. Special programs, however, do not provide equal opportunity to all federally funded programs in the most integrated setting.	
	□ No.	
3.	Are disabled people free to choose whether they participate in the "special" program or in the regular program?	1151.17 (a) (b)
	☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER TWO, PAGES 23-29	
	C. Program Evaluation	

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Chapter Six of DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY contains questions to help you evaluate the accessibility of different arts programs. The following section refers to these questions. To evaluate your program and activity, answer the questions in the pages referred to in the charts below. The "facility" for your type of program (e.g., visual, media) includes those architectural features or spaces that are particularly associated with the program, such as galleries, stages, or studios.	1151.42, 1151.22
 Can a mobility impaired person participate in your programs and/or activities as a staff person, performer, audience member, visitor, or volunteer? ☐ Yes. Check yes if all answers below are yes ☐ No. Check no if any answer below is no 	These answers are solely in regards to the events Arts Midwest facilitates and not our grantee organizations.
Visual Arts □Yes □No Performing Arts □Yes □No Literary Arts □Yes □No Media Arts □Yes □No Design Arts □Yes □No	
a. Is the facility accessible? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117-130.	
Visual Arts □Yes □No Performing Arts □Yes □No Literary Arts □Yes □No Media Arts □Yes □No Design Arts □Yes □No	
Are the activities of the program accessible? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117-130. Visual Arts Yes No Performing Arts Yes No Literary Arts Yes No	

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	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	c. Are the products of the program usable by mobility impaired people? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117-130.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
2.	Can a visually impaired person participate in your programs and/or activities as a staff person, performer, audience member, visitor, or volunteer?	
	☐ Yes . Check yes if all answers below are yes ☐ No . Check no if any answer below is no	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
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CHAPTE	acility accessible? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY R SIX, PAGES 117-130, and DESIGN FOR IBILITY CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 98-102.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	

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	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
ACCES	activities of the program accessible? See DESIGN FOR SIBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117-130, and DESIGN CESSIBILITY CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 98-102.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
See DES	oroducts of the program usable by visually impaired people? BIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117- DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
3.	Can a hearing impaired person participate in your programs and/or activities as a staff person, performer, audience member, visitor, or volunteer?	
	☐ Yes. Check yes if all answers below are yes	
	□ No Check no if any answer below is no	
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	Visual Arts □Yes □No	

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	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
Is the fa	cility accessible? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY	
	ER SIX, PAGES 117-130, and DESIGN FOR	
ACCES	SIBILITY CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 102-108.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
Are the a	activities of the program accessible? See DESIGN FOR	
	SIBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117-130, and DESIGN	
FOR AC	CESSIBILITY CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 102-108.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Are the products of the program usable by hearing impaired	
	people? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER	
	SIX, PAGES 117-130, and DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY	
	CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 102-108.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
1	□Yes □No	

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	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
4.	Can a learning impaired person participate in your programs	
	and/or activities as a staff person, performer, audience	
	member, visitor, or volunteer?	
	□ Yes . Check yes if all answers below are yes	
	□ No . Check no if any answer below is no	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Is the facility accessible? See DESIGN FOR	
	ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117-130, and	
	DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES	
	108-109.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
ACCESS	ctivities of the program accessible? See DESIGN FOR IBILITY CHAPTER SIX, PAGES 117-130, and DESIGN CESSIBILITY CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 108-109.	

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	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
disabilitie SIX, PAG	roducts of the program usable by people with learning s people? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY CHAPTER GES 117-130, and DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY R FIVE, PAGES 108-109.	
	Visual Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Performing Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Literary Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Media Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	Design Arts	
	□Yes □No	
	D. Program Modification	
The follow	wing questions suggest ways that currently inaccessible	1151.42 (a)(2),(3),(4).
	and/or activities can be modified without extensive structural	1151.17 (d)

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changes.	
 Have you relocated or rescheduled any programs and/or activities to an existing accessible facility to make them available to disabled people? Yes. List programs and location: No. Can you locate a facility that is accessible or modify one to be accessible? See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER THREE, PAGES 59-61. 	1151.22 (b), 1151.17 (d) Shifting in-person events to be hybrid or virtual, like the 2020-2021 conferences and 2022 CCC retreat
 2. Have you provided auxiliary aids such as TTs (TDD or TTY), audio tapes, or sign language interpreters to make your programs and/or activities available to people with communication impairments? Yes. Specify which: No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 98-109. 3. Have you provided adequate communications by presenting all written and spoken materials in other ways, such as by interpreter, in printed form, in Braille, on audio tape, or in large print? Yes. Specify which: No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER FIVE, PAGES 98-109. 	Yes, we have provided assisted listening devices and ASL services for our annual conference.Ready to engage ASL interpretor 1151.16d)
 4. Have you held awareness training sessions or otherwise sensitized your frontline staff (docents, guards, ushers, receptionists, or box office staff) to the needs of disabled people? ☐ Yes. How and when? ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER EIGHT, PAGES 147-151 	All-staff accessibility trainings with Diane Nutting in April 2021
 5. Do you have disabled people serving as advisors for program planning? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. See DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER TWO, PAGE 25. 	

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Not all buildings and facilities need to be accessible, but those that house accessible programs and activities must meet minimum requirements for accessibility. In DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY , please read CHAPTER ONE , PAGES 19-20 , and CHAPTER THREE , PAGES 62-82 .	1151.22, 1151.23
Both this Program Evaluation Workbook and DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY divide architectural accessibility into two parts. One is general building accessibility, which includes getting into a building, moving around in it, and finding and using rest rooms and other facilities. These and other general topics are presented in CHAPTER THREE, PAGES 62-82. The questions for surveying existing facilities, below, are directed at general building accessibility.	
The other aspect of architectural accessibility includes those architectural elements unique to particular arts programs or activities. These unique features such as galleries or stages, are discussed in CHAPTER SIX, PAGE 115 . Evaluation questions for these special elements are in the section on Program Evaluation on page 18 of this Workbook.	
A. Existing Facilities	1151.22
The following questions are intended evaluate the evaluate the general accessibility of your existing buildings and facilities. They are coordinated with the general architectural accessibility information in Getting There. Please read each section before answering the questions below. These questions are not comprehensive and are intended only to provide a general picture of the accessibility of your existing buildings and facilities. For more detail, see the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) 1984, which presents minimal federal guidelines on the design, construction, and alteration of buildings to make them accessible to disabled people. More information appears at 28 CFR part 36. For free copies of UFAS and other access information, contact the:	1101.22
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1. Accessible Route, page 62	The route from the accessible
Is there an accessible route connecting the building entrance to: accessible parking spaces? Yes No off-site parking? Yes No passenger loading zones? Yes No public sidewalks? Yes No public transportation stops? Yes No	entrance to the nearest bus stop is long; a person in a wheelchair would have to go through the parking lot and car zones to get there which could present danger.
Does each accessible route meet the following requirements:	
A continuous, level, stable, firm, and slip-resistant surface? Yes No At least 36" wide? Yes No No curbs, steps, stairs, or abrupt changes in level? Yes No No objects that protrude dangerously into the path? Yes No	
2. <u>Parking</u> , page 63-64	
Are accessible parking spaces provided? ☐ Yes. Connected by an accessible route? (See question 1)? ☐ How many spaces and what are the measurements? ☐ No.	
Is off-site accessible parking provided?	
☐ YesConnected by an accessible route? (See question 1)? ☐How many spaces and what are the measurements?☐ No.	
Are passenger loading zones provided?	
☐ Yes.Connected by an accessible route? (See question 1)? ☐☐ No.	

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3. <u>E</u> r	ntrances and Doors, pages 65-67	
Does	the building have a primary entrance that is accessible?	
	s. Check yes if all answers below are yes . Check no if any answer below is no	
it free	approach to the entrance door an accessible route; that is, is from any steps, stairs, or steep slopes? (See question 1.) □No	
at lea	entrance door a swing door that provides an opening that is st 32" wide?	
In? □	it swing: Yes □No □Yes □No	
	only door is a revolving door, the entrance is not ssible.	
	aneuverable by mobility impaired individuals? □No	
	re enough clear space on both sides of the door? □No	
	re a five foot by five foot level and clear area on the pull side? □No	
door	ouble door vestibules have at least four feet between the open and the swing of the next door?	
	threshold less than 1/2" high? □No	

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4. Interior Circulation, pages 68-69	
Do halls and corridors meet the requirements for an interior accessible route?	
☐ Yes. Check yes if all answers below are yes ☐ No. Check no if any answer below is no	
Does each hall or corridor meet the following requirements:	
A continuous, level, stable, firm, and slip-resistant surface? (Thick soft carpet is not acceptable.) □Yes □No	
At least 36" wide? (Furniture or vending machines cannot be placed in the accessible route.) □Yes □No	
No curbs, steps, stairs, or abrupt changes in level? □ <mark>Yes</mark> □No	
 5. Vertical Circulation, pages 70-72 Do all levels containing programs and/or activities that are intended to be accessible meet at least one of the following criteria? ☐ Yes. Check yes if at least one answer is yes ☐ No. Check no if any answer below is no 	Call button is 40" above the floor
Is your facility on one level throughout? □Yes. Go to question 6. □No	
Are all floors connected by an elevator or ramp?	
☐ Yes. Does at least one elevator or ramp connecting all floors meet the following requirements:	
Call buttons centered at 42" above the floor? ☐Yes ☐No Cab at least 30" x 48"?	
□Yes □No Top button on control panel no more than 54" (parallel approach) or 48" (front approach) above the floor? □Yes □No	
Tactile labels for controls? ☐Yes ☐No	
□ No . Check no if any answer above was no.	

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Are all changes in level that are not connected by elevators connected by accessible ramps or lifts?	
☐ Yes. Do ramps or lifts meet the requirements?☐ Yes. Specify the measurements:☐ No.	
□ No . Check no if answer above is no.	
If some or all floors are connected by stairs only, are all the programs and/or activities located on these floors also presented in other locations where they are accessible to disabled people?	
☐ Yes. Specify alternative location:☐ No.	
6. Water Fountain, page 74	
Is at least one water fountain provided that is usable by disabled people?	
☐ Yes. Specify the measurements of the fountain: ☐ No .	
7. Rest Rooms, pages 78-81	
Is at least one accessible rest room provided? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.	
Provide the measurements for the following features:	
Entrance door: Clear floor space: Height of toilet and urinals: Width and length of the stall: Width and length of the grab bars and their location in the stall: Height of the toilet paper dispenser: Height of the paper towel dispenser: Height of sink: Clear space between sink apron and floor: Height of soap dispenser: Height of mirror:	

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8. <u>Telephones</u> , page 74	
Is at least one telephone provided that is usable by disabled people? ☐ Yes. Specify height of the highest operable part (e.g., coin slot of the telephone): ☐No.	
9. <u>Signage</u> , page 75	
Are signs clear and readable with large letters that contrast with the background?	
□ <mark>Yes.</mark> □ No.	
10. Clear Floor Space and Work Surfaces, page 82	
Do work surfaces, controls, and equipment have enough clear floor space for people in wheelchairs to pull up close to the object?	
☐ Yes . Specify measurement of clear floor space: ☐ No .	
Where a person must pull up under the object, is there enough knee clearance?	
□ No.	
11. Reach Ranges, page 73	
Are all controls and hardware mounted low enough to be within easy reach of diminutive-size or seated people? Example: Light switches, air conditioning controls, audio equipment controls.	
☐ Yes Specify height of controls and hardware: ☐ No.	
12. Controls and Hardware, page 73	
Are controls and hardware easily operated? Example: Light switches, air conditioning controls, audio equipment controls.	
□ Yes □ No.	

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13. Warning Signals, page 75	
Do emergency warning systems produce both audible and visible signals?	
□ Yes	
□ No.	
14. New Construction	
Do new buildings and facilities meet the requirements of Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards?	
□ Yes	
□ No. See DESIGN FOR	
ACCESSIBILITY, CHAPTER THREE, PAGE 55.	
15. Theater, Concert Halls, Auditoriums, etc. pages 121-124	
Are there existing wheelchair locations integrated throughout?	
☐ Yes How many? Where are they located? What are the measurements?	
□ No .	
Are there accessible routes leading to the wheelchair locations?	
☐ Yes. Describe.☐ No.	

RESOURCE LIST

DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY, National Endowment for the Arts

Available online at www.arts.gov/resources/Accessibility/pubs/DesignAccessibility.html

Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, General Services Administration

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2010-title45-vol3-part1151

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https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/accessibility.htm

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