



Fiscal Sponsorship & Grant Support

A Resource for Teaching Artists

What is Fiscal Sponsorship?

Fiscal sponsorship is a partnership where a registered nonprofit (the fiscal sponsor) allows a project to receive and manage grant funding under its tax-exempt status.

In this model:

- DocSong can receive and administer grant funds on behalf of a teaching artist project
- The teaching artist leads the creative and community work
- DocSong supports financial management, compliance, and reporting

This structure allows artists to focus on storytelling and facilitation, while DocSong helps support the funding infrastructure.

How DocSong Supports Teaching Artists

In select cases, DocSong may:

- Serve as a fiscal sponsor for aligned projects
- Apply for grants on behalf of teaching artists
- Support project planning and budget development
- Provide administrative and reporting support to funders

What We Look For

We are most likely to support projects that:

- **Center the DocSong Documentary Songwriting Method**
- Are rooted in a **community the teaching artist is already connected to**
- Have a **clear, realistic, and well-defined project plan**

How to Get Started

- 1. Initial Conversation**

Meet with DocSong Program Director, Hazel, for an introductory conversation about your project idea and alignment.

- 2. Project Planning Sheet**

Complete a simple project planning form outlining your goals, timeline, community, and intended outcomes.

- 3. Review & Next Steps**

DocSong reviews your proposal and determines whether fiscal sponsorship or grant partnership is a fit

Important Note

Fiscal sponsorship is not guaranteed. Each project is reviewed individually based on alignment, capacity, and funding requirements.

Questions?

Reach out to DocSong to begin the conversation or request the project planning sheet.