



TeachArtsOhio: Fully Funded Bi-Okoto Cultural Arts Residencies

African drumming, dance, storytelling, and cultural arts through the Ohio Arts Council's TeachArtsOhio Grant — at no cost to schools.

What Is TeachArtsOhio?

TeachArtsOhio (TAO) is an Ohio Arts Council grant that places professional teaching artists in schools for curriculum-connected arts learning. The grant covers 100% of artist fees.

Residency Options

- Mini (2–4 weeks): High-energy introduction to African arts.
- Grading Period (6–9 weeks): Skill-building, standards-based projects.
- Semester (18 weeks): School-wide cultural initiative with culminating performance.

All residencies supplement—not replace—existing arts instruction, as required by the Ohio Arts Council.

What the Grant Covers

- 100% teaching artist fees
- Planning and classroom instruction
- Curriculum-aligned cultural lessons
- Culminating performance or showcase

No cost to the school.

Why Schools Choose Bi-Okoto

- 30 years of instructional excellence
- Authentic West & Southern African art forms
- Strong classroom management and student rapport
- Proven SEL and engagement outcomes
- We handle 80–90% of TAO grant writing

How to Get Started

1. Schedule a 15-minute planning call
2. Bi-Okoto drafts TAO materials
3. School submits final application (February 1 deadline)

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