



COVID-19 Emergency Support Grants for Performing Artists

Grant Guidelines

COVID-19 Emergency Support Grants for Performing Artists are for individual artists across all performing arts disciplines who are struggling to have their basic needs (shelter, food, and medical) met due to loss of artistic income from COVID-19.

These grants are designed to help professional performing artists:

- Recoup financial loss due to cancelled events, including performances, paid speaking gigs, readings, festival/fairs, etc.
- Offset loss of income for teaching artists who are not able to teach during this time due to cancelled lessons/classes and school closures.

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We anticipate demand for COVID-19 Emergency Support Grants for Performing Artists will exceed funds available. If you are not awarded funding, we will hold your application for consideration should additional funding come available.

Who is eligible to apply?

To apply for a COVID-19 Emergency Support Grants for Performing Artists, you must meet the following criteria:

- Are age 18 or older
- Live in Greater Louisville
 - Definition: Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, and Spencer counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, and Harrison counties in Indiana
- Are a professional, working performing artist
 - Definition of professional artist: individuals whose primary source of income is derived from their work as a performing artist
 - Examples of performing arts disciplines: dance, music opera, theatre, musical theatre, spoken word, puppetry, circus art, performance art

If you have alternate sources of income, a financial safety net, or are able to meet your most basic needs, we ask that you refrain from applying at this time so that we may serve those who are most vulnerable.

Members of groups may apply but must do so as individuals as each person's financial situation will vary.

Who is ineligible to apply?

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- Individuals who are enrolled as a high school or degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student.

How much can I apply for?

You may request up to \$500.

How often can I apply?

Only one application will be reviewed and only one award will be provided per artist.

What kind of expenses qualify for this grant?

Funds will be unrestricted and may be used for any of your most pressing needs. Examples include: rent, food and basic supplies, medical expenses, etc.

What kind of expenses are ineligible for this grant?

Funds cannot be requested based on loss of projected advertising revenue on social media/video sites, events/gigs not yet scheduled or booked, or anticipated loss of sales.

When are applications due?

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis – reviews will be completed every Wednesday.

Applications Open	Now, and will remain open until funds are exhausted
Applications Reviewed	Applications received by 11:59pm EST on Tuesdays will be reviewed every Wednesday
Applicants Notified	Applicants received by 11:59pm EST on Tuesdays will be notified on Friday
Checks Mailed	Grantees notified on Fridays will have checks mailed on Mondays, if possible

Where do I access and submit an application?

To start a new application, click here:

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=SNA&FID=35184

To continue working on a saved application, click here:

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=AM

All COVID-19 Emergency Support Grants for Performing Artists applications must be submitted via the Fund for the Arts online grant application portal.

What are the application questions and requirements?

To complete your application, be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name and contact information
- Website and social media handles that demonstrate your experience
- Description of your lost income, including

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- The type of event(s) (performance, paid speaking gig, readings, exhibitions, festival/fair, and or teaching artist wages)
- The specific location/venue of the event(s) cancelled
- The date(s) of the cancelled event(s)
- The amount of income lost due to the cancelled event(s)
- Documentation of the event(s) cancellation, such as:
 - Screenshot of cancellation from website or social media
 - Copy of email or cancellation notice from venue/booker/hiring organization
- Approximately what is your monthly income and what percentage of your monthly income that comes from your work as a performing artist?
- How many years have you been working as a paid freelance, part-time, or full-time performing artist?
- Description of your most pressing financial needs for the next two to three months.
- Your resume/artist bio that demonstrates you qualify as a professional, working performing artist.
- Signed W-9 (to expedite payment, should your application be awarded)

How will my application be reviewed? How will grantees be selected?

COVID-19 Emergency Support Grants for Performing Artists are non-competitive and are not scored. The applications are evaluated to determine artist eligibility, financial need, and reviewed for accuracy and completion.

How will I be notified if my application is selected?

Grant approvals are based on reviews and available funding. Applicants who apply by Tuesdays at 11:59 p.m. will be notified by email of the application award status (approved with award amount or declined) on Friday of that week. Those who submit after Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. will be notified on the Friday of the following week.

Payments & Checks

Awarded applicants will receive 100% of the amount granted. Please cash the check

Grants and awards from Fund for the Arts are considered taxable income; a form 1099 will be mailed to you for each calendar year you received \$600 or more from Fund for the Arts. We recommend that you consult with your tax advisor to discuss possible tax implications related to grants provided by Fund for the Arts.

promptly on receipt. We will attempt to mail checks on the day the applications are awarded.

Will I be required to submit a grant report?

No report will be required for grantees receiving COVID-19 Emergency Support Grants for Performing Artists.

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