



**SUPPORT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS**

# Individuals

## COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists

**DEADLINES:**

**Applications  
accepted on a  
rolling basis until  
funds have been  
exhausted**

**PURPOSE:**

Emergency relief for artists to address the needs and financial impacts of COVID-19.

**THIS GRANT IS OPEN TO:**

Professional, working artists who have had a loss of income due to COVID-19.

**AWARD AMOUNT:**

Up to \$850.

**EVALUATION/NEXT STEPS:**

Non-competitive; applications reviewed every Wednesday until funds are exhausted; grant checks disbursed weekly.

**STAFF CONTACT**

[grants@gcac.org](mailto:grants@gcac.org)

All Grants & Services staff will be answering questions related to emergency funding.

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**NOTE: GCAC is temporarily redirecting its Support for Professional Artists funding to this emergency relief program.**

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In addition, we have set up a way for our community to [donate to the COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists fund](#) to help us to continue to support local artists.

### Description

This grant is designed to assist artists of all disciplines with loss of income from COVID-19 as described:

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

**IMPORTANT:** 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.

### Who is eligible to apply?

This grant program is for individual artists across disciplines who are struggling to have their BASIC NEEDS met (shelter, food, and medical) due to loss of artistic income from COVID-19. 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 so that we may serve those who are most vulnerable.

Additionally, you must meet the following criteria to apply:

- Are professional, working artists (age 18 and older);
  - **Definition:** individuals who devote a significant portion of their time to the creation of personal artwork. The professional artist is likely paid for performances, sells their artwork, or shares their independent body of work with the public on a regular basis. Individuals working in a creative industry primarily producing commercial work are not eligible. The term “artist” applies broadly across disciplines, including performing, visual, literary, film, fashion and multi-disciplinary artists.
- Live in Franklin County;
- Have had residency in Franklin County for at least one year prior to the date of application;
- Are NOT enrolled as a high school or degree-seeking undergraduate student.

**NOTE:** Members of groups must apply as INDIVIDUALS as each person’s financial situation will vary.

### How much can I apply for?

You may request **up to \$850**.

**NOTE:** It is likely, based on the demand and available funds, that **you may receive a partial award**. Please ask for only what you need so that we can provide necessarily support to as many artists as possible.

### 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. Again, we ask that artists who are able to meet their basic needs refrain from applying.

### When are applications due?

Applications are open now and will be received on a rolling basis – reviews will be completed every Wednesday by staff. Below is a rough timeline. We will continue to communicate about potential closes to the grant program should funds be exhausted.

Applications Open	NOW (will remain open until funds exhausted)
Applications Reviewed by Staff	Applications received by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday will be reviewed by staff every Wednesday
Applicants Notified	Applications received by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesdays will be notified on Thursday
Checks Mailed	Grantees notified on Thursday will have checks mailed on Friday, if possible.

**NOTE:** All awards are **PENDING AVAILABLE FUNDS**. We are hoping to serve as many artists as possible during this difficult time, but funding is limited.

### What are the application questions and requirements?

- Narrative Question (short paragraph answer): *List the lost income source(s) – include the type of lost income (performance, paid speaking gig, readings, exhibitions, festival/fair, and/or teaching artist wages).* You **MUST** include:
  - The specific location/venue of the event(s) cancelled
  - The date(s) of event cancelled
  - The amount of income projected from each cancelled event

- UPLOAD in PDF or Word:
  - Screenshot of cancellation from website or social media
  - Copy of email or cancellation notice from venue/booker/hiring organization
- INITIAL the following statement: *“Due to loss of income sources from the COVID-19 response, I need assistance covering basic needs, such as rent/housing, food/supplies, and/or medical expenses.”*
- Fill in the Blank: *Approximately what percentage of your monthly income comes from your work as an artist?*
- Fill in the Blank: *How many years have you been working as a **PAID** freelance, part-time, or full-time artist?*
- Narrative Question (short paragraph answer): *Describe your most pressing financial needs for the next 2-3 months.*
- UPLOAD in PDF or Word:
  - Artist resume and/or artist bio
    - Resume/Bio that demonstrates that you qualify as a professional, working artist with an independent body of work. Please include as much detail as possible so that our staff can verify your qualifications quickly.
  - Artistic work samples (images, videos, or audio) OR a link to a website showing artistic work samples
    - Work samples should demonstrate an independent body of work. Artists that solely produce commercial/contract work are not eligible.

## AFTER SUBMITTING – NEXT STEPS

### Review, evaluation, and selection

Emergency Relief for Artists grants are reviewed and approved by Grants & Services staff members. They are non-competitive and are not scored. The applications are evaluated to determine artist eligibility, financial need, and reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

### Notification

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 Thursday of that week. Those who submit after Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. will be notified on the Thursday of the following week.

## AFTER YOU ARE AWARDED

### Complete your online profile

We will mail your grant check to the address on file in your Personal Profile – **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR UPDATING YOUR MAILING ADDRESS.** This is a very important step. The profile can be found in the drop down menu in the upper right corner where your name is listed. Enter all mandatory information and click “Save” before exiting.

### Grant Agreement

Following the approval of a grant, a grant agreement specifying the terms of the grant will be available in GoArts under the “Requires Attention” heading. To accept the award, review the grant agreement and digitally sign by the date indicated. **CHECKS CANNOT BE MAILED UNTIL YOU SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT!**

### Payments and Checks

Awarded applicants will receive 100% of the amount granted following the receipt of a digitally signed Grant Agreement. Please cash the check promptly on receipt. We will attempt to mail checks on the day after Grant Agreements are signed – please note that there may be unexpected delays.

**NOTE:**  
We will attempt to mail checks out the day after you sign your Grant Agreement

### Taxable Income

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

### Final Reports

No final report will be required from grantees receiving Emergency Relief for Artist funds.