



Dear Artists & Arts Organizations,

Can you believe July is just days away?

Just last Thursday, Renay Rouse, Public Information Officer for the Florida Department of Health - Martin County, joined us for a briefing. In case you aren't already seen it, they Dept of Health has an interactive dashboard with Florida's statistics related to COVID-19 and you can drill down to Martin County's information: [Florida Health - COVID 19](#). She reiterated that the Dept and the staff are ready, willing and able to assist us all as we move forward.

Just today the Governor's budget and vetoes were just released! The good news is that he approved line item 3180 Cultural and Museum grants for \$13,600,000; however, sadly the other line items for Division of Cultural Affairs Grants were vetoed. (line item 0114 ACE Grant (in DOE): \$110,952 - Vetoed; line item 3179A Culture Builds Florida Grants: \$2,881,168 - Vetoed; line item 3186 Cultural Facilities: \$3,778,871 - Vetoed). If you applied for General Program Support then you will receive a grant - yeah! .

We are continuing to work on some possible other sources that may help us navigate the crisis, so stay tuned! Stay well. Stay safe...

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## TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

- [Americans for the Arts Webinar Series: Arts and Social Impact \(On-going\)](#)
  - The arts make more things possible, from better education to greater health outcomes to a more civically-engaged citizenry—but people don't always see the connection to the arts when change happens. From education and job security to housing, public safety, the military, and more, demonstrating the social impact of the arts and other sectors is increasingly important. In this series, examine the social impact of the arts and other sectors.
- [Americans for the Arts Webinar: Engaging Your Audience During and After COVID-19 \(7/16\)](#)
  - COVID-19 has pushed our arts organizations and individual artists to the edge. Some have shut down for the short term in hope of securing the future; some have quickly pivoted to online content; many have grappled with what it means to serve their missions and audiences during a pandemic while remaining (hopefully) solvent and (hopefully) vital even amidst massive uncertainty and reduced capacity. Questions abound as arts organizations consider our audiences: How can we engage our audiences now so that they are still there when things are "back to normal?" How do we serve audiences in a way that makes sense for our mission when we can't gather or do typical programming? What factors will influence audiences' return to our events? This webinar will tackle these questions and more. Review the tenets of strong audience development we can lean on that haven't changed; explore approaches and frameworks to help us think about and understand our audiences in ways that can guide our programming and/or communication; and check-in with the most recent data for big-picture clues that can help inform our planning.
- [Alternative Sponsorship Fulfillment for Cancelled or Changed Fundraising Events](#)
- [DonorPerfect | The COVID-19 Fundraising Template Kit for Nonprofits](#)
- [How arts and cultural organizations can consider adapting](#)
- [Supporting Artists | Resources for Organizations Working With Artists](#)

## TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR FOR ARTISTS

- [Artist Studio Ready + Reopen Planning](#)
- [How Artists Should Assess and Prepare for Risks](#)

- [Podcast | What Artists Need to Know About US Taxes](#)
- [Key Strategies to Land Creative Freelance Gigs](#)
- [How to Choose the Best Open Calls](#)
- [Supporting Artists | Resources for Individual Artists](#)



**THERE ARE STILL FUNDS AVAILABLE WITH DISTRIBUTIONS ON A MONTHLY BASIS.**

**Who is eligible:**

- Creative professionals with a demonstrable exhibition, publishing, or performance history that clearly indicates an active and sustained career in the fields of dance, theatre, music, literature, and the visual arts.
- Artists must be residents of Martin County, FL for 1 year prior to time of application

**Who is not eligible:**

- Artists who are enrolled in a degree or certificate-granting program of any kind at the time of application. Applications will not be accepted before graduation date.
- Artists working full-time as teaching staff at a college or university at the time of application are not eligible for the ARTIST RELIEF FUND.
- Artists who are 18 years of age or younger.

**Eligible categories of support include:**

- Fee coverage for cancelled performances.
- Fee coverage for performances the artist turned down due to health concerns related to COVID-19 (immunocompromised artists, caregiver artists, etc.).
- Funding for cancelled exhibitions, art or craft shows, or other art-related events.
- Funding for cancelled art-related speaking fees (visiting artist lectures, presentations, studio visits, critiques).
- Funding for cancelled non-credit art-related teaching opportunities (workshops, weekly classes). Note: this does not apply to teaching within a K- 12 or higher education institution.

**[FOR FULL GUIDELINES AND ONLINE APPLICATION, CLICK HERE](#)**

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