



Dear Artists & Arts Organizations,

With just over 40 days to the national election, politics have taken over the airwaves. To engage and learn about how you can influence local, state, and federal elections there are great resources available from the [Florida Cultural Alliance](#) and [Americans for the Arts](#).

Our elected officials are elected by us, so our concerns matter. Speaking up (and out) for the needs of the cultural sector has never been more important. Our sector has been hit so hard by the COVID-19 crisis despite the fact that the arts are a place people go to heal. Let your elected officials know what your concerns are, and how they can help.

To borrow a line from Americans for the Arts, "*There is no recovery without creativity.*"

Be well and stay safe,

Nancy K. Turrell, Executive Director
The Arts Council of Martin County

SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM

GRANT TO CONTEMPORARY VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS

Today (9/21) at 5:30 PM | Online Event via Zoom
https://miamidade.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bsQROXjAT4CIWFZzQkDVYQ

In this workshop learn how recipients are selected and how can an applicant improve his/her chances of being recommended.

The South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship Program offers the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the United States, awarding \$15,000 and \$7,500 fellowships to resident visual and media artists from the counties of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach. Since it was established in 1988, the Consortium has awarded close to \$2 million in fellowships to over 200 artists. In addition to receiving the grant, the artists take part in an exhibition hosted and organized by a visual arts institution in one of the five counties.

TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

- [Florida Cultural Alliance and Arts & Business Council of Miami | Arts Vote: 2020 Election \(9/22\)](#)
 - Now more than ever your vote is essential in 2020. Join us for an informative and interactive webinar to mobilize artists and arts professionals:
 - Engage with the Arts Vote thought-leaders
 - Make your vote count
 - Activate your patrons and audiences for the election
 - Advice on essential issues impacting the arts
 - Advocacy tips for nonprofit arts groups
 - Pivotal info on the Arts Action Fund Arts Vote
- [The Art of Mass Gatherings: Managing Modifications, Virtualizations, and Expectations \(9/22\)](#)
 - The performing arts sector is encountering an unprecedented challenge for hosting in-person events safely during this global pandemic, climate crises, and recession. Fortunately, these calamities offer the opportunity for artists and presenters to employ their creativity and ingenuity to develop new types of shared experiences. These free PAR webinar sessions will begin with a framework to help guide decision makers to either modify or virtualize their gatherings using case studies from Denver's 5 Points Jazz Festival (May 2020) and Alabama's Women in Jazz Festival (September 2020). Webinars will explore the experiences and hard-won wisdom related to re-opening venues, making audiences feel safe, and exploring new operational protocols for venues and artists.
- [Americans for the Arts | How Prioritizing Affordable Workspaces Pays Off \(9/23\)](#)
 - Join Siobhan Spain of Mainframe Studios in Des Moines, Iowa, to learn about a replicable model for providing safe, accessible, inclusive and sustainable studio options for creative professionals. Hear from Deshara Bohanna and Gretchen Bohling, two of the nonprofit's 52 entrepreneurs, about how an affordable professional setting and supportive environment stimulated their business growth and community engagement.
- [Social Media and Volunteer Engagement \(9/23\)](#)
 - Volunteer engagement is changing. What do you need to know about social media as a volunteer program manager? How can you use social media to promote your volunteer opportunities and recruit volunteers? This webinar will offer an introduction to including social media in your volunteer recruitment and retention plans. You'll see examples of Twitter, Facebook and YouTube pages, as well as blogs that other nonprofits have successfully used to draw attention to their organizations and volunteer opportunities. You'll also learn about the social media tools available as part of your VolunteerMatch account that can help you promote your volunteer opportunity on other social networking sites.
- [Customizing the New Pocket Response Resource \(9/24\)](#)
 - The free ArtsReady 2.0/dPlan PRR puts critical emergency information in the pocket (or device) of staff, crew and volunteers, ensuring they have immediate access to information they'll need in the first minutes and hours of any type of emergency. Learn how to make the most of your customized PRR, including creating your Response Team, and tailoring it for your particular programs and structure.
- [OnCell](#)

OnCell allows you to harness the power of mobile technology to help your visitors explore, engage, and discover arts and culture in new ways. Choose from a wide range of amazing features including location-based mobile tour delivery, native and web apps, audio guides, gaming, and beacons to share your stories.

TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR FOR ARTISTS

- [Creative Capital | Tools for Artists in Civic Engagement and Turning Out the Vote \(9/22\)](#)
 - The upcoming 2020 General Election is an opportunity to unite in our shared power and have our voices heard. In a time where so much feels uncertain, art inspires and motivates us to take action for justice and a better future. This election year marks a historically significant moment. The pandemic has resulted in massive unemployment and racial health disparities. Across the nation, voters are experiencing voter repression and major challenges to their participation. This is why we need artists more than ever. This workshop will provide concrete examples and tools for artists on how their art can inspire people to participate in the upcoming election and give people the information they need to participate.
- [Facebook issued new Music Guidelines that also cover Instagram and other Facebook platforms as part of an update to its Terms Of Service set to take effect on October 1, 2020.](#)
- [Innovations in Socially Distant Performance](#)
 - Project which studies the aesthetics, philosophies, tools, and artists who are transforming the fields of virtual live performance and socially distant productions. This continually updated website is a place to create community, share information, inspire invention, and document the expanding art form, with an emphasis on sharing the tools and techniques of a reimagined trade.
- [7 Ways to Increase Your Confidence as an Artist](#)
- [Preparing to Ship Your Artwork with Julia Badow](#)

CALLS FOR ART

- [Magic Hour | Sunrise and Sunset](#)
- [10th Annual "Landscapes" Online Art Competition](#)
- [Still Life Art Exhibit](#)
- [Animalia Art Exhibit](#)
- [Amber Art Exhibit](#)
- [Shatto Gallery International Photography Awards 2020](#)
- [2021 Embracing Our Differences International Art Exhibit Celebrating Diversity](#)
- [Forty 4 Forty: A Celebration of Arts4All Florida](#)



Limited funds are still available if you are an artist who is struggling with a loss of revenue due to cancelled events, lost gigs and other activities due to COVID-19.

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 and has not received a grant from this fund within the past 12 months.

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