



Dear Artists & Arts Organizations,

Another week of "stay safe at home" is beginning. I do hope you are well and at home or somewhere else just as safe.

I am very excited to announce that we've reached our initial fund raising goal of \$5,000 to provide some relief to artists through the new "Artist Relief Fund." So many friends contributed to this effort, I am grateful. This fund is so much bigger than us, and I am just happy that we had the ability to take the lead and make this happen.

I'd like to hear from you... what is keeping you busy, special projects or artistic endeavors? What do you see happening in the future? Did you receive a SBA PPP or other Loan for your organization/business? Would you find it helpful for us to coordinate a local video conference call to start working on what our recovery looks like for arts and culture in Martin County? I'd welcome your feedback as we embark on a future that is filled with the unknown. Thanks!

Stay well,
- Nancy

PS. Please share the information about the Artist Relief Fund below with any artists that you know that are suffering. See details and the link below.



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](#)

TOOLS & RESOURCES

- [CARES Act Office Hours with Nina Ozlu Tunceli Weekdays, 11AM-12PM ET, thru April 24](#)
 - Join Nina Ozlu Tunceli, Chief Counsel of Government and Public Affairs at Americans for the Arts and Executive Director of the Arts Action Fund, as she takes your questions about accessing the federal relief available to members of the arts community through the CARES Act.
- [The University of Florida College of the Arts, Center for Arts in Medicine](#)
 - Created an open-access repository to help professionals leverage creativity and the arts to develop effective responses to COVID-19.
- [AFTA ArtsU Archived/On Demand COVID19 Webinars](#)
 - Americans for the Arts webinar content about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on the Arts and Culture field.
- [COVID-19 and the Remote Office: Privacy, Cybersecurity, & Insurance](#)
 - Presented jointly by law firm Perlman & Perlman and Independent Sector, for a discussion about the challenges of a newly remote workforce and technology. In addition to learning how to determine whether your technology and infrastructure will support it, you'll get tools that support remote collaboration, find out what your "cloud" provider should do, and pick up cyber-hygiene tips for the home office.
- [Volunteerism during COVID-19](#)
 - Join Independent Sector and Volunteer Match for a dynamic conversation about the critical needs and long-term opportunities to sustain volunteerism in your community in this unusual time. We'll share information about policies and processes to safely engage volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we'll explore the longer-term implications for leveraging skilled volunteers to build nonprofit capacity and resilience.
- [Miami Arts Marketing Project presents: Leveraging Virtual Arts: Turning Isolating Into Creative Connecting](#)
 - Discover opportunities to engage and inspire your audience or members with standout digital experiences during social distancing. We will take a deep dive into how to reach new arts enthusiasts, grow your outreach, and increase visibility with memorable speakers, enhanced Q&A, and group discussion.
- [7 Ways To Better Engage Your Donors Through Email with Brady Josephson](#)
 - It's no secret that donor retention is one of the biggest challenges that nonprofits face today. In this webinar, you'll learn 7 tactics based on this research to better engage new donors and email subscribers.
- [Putting the Puzzle Together: COVID-19 Relief for Performing Artists, Arts Workers, and Arts Organizations](#)
 - Hosted by the Alliance of Performing Arts Conferences. An expert panel explains the complex web of programs available to performing artists, arts workers, and arts organizations.
- [Coping with COVID: Centering Wellness and Self-Care for Creatives](#)
 - Artist and energy healer, Rhonda Wheatley, will lead a conversation around wellness amid the isolation, anxiety, and uncertainty many are facing due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- [Taxes for Artists, Freelancers & Creative Businesses Workshop](#)
 - Learn about what's changed with tax deadlines, what to do if you can't pay what you owe, and more in the interactive workshop with Hannah Cole from Sunlight Tax.
- [Stay Active While Isolated With Backstage's Digital Seminars](#)
 - From at-home workouts with certified trainers to digital vocal coaching and self-tape audition advice from casting directors to interviews with your favorite big-name actors, Backstage has everything you need to get through this pandemic.

In need of financial relief or emergency funding because of lost wages during COVID-19? Find a list of resources [here](#).

[Florida Alliance for Arts Education & Hermitage Artist Retreat offer STAR: State Teacher/Artist Residency. Application deadline April 24.](#)

The STAR program is designed to honor and nourish the artist in the educator by providing five public school educators from Florida with the opportunity to pursue their artistic work in the inspiring environment of the prestigious Hermitage Artist Retreat. Three-week residencies will be offered to two visual artists; two writers (fiction/non-fiction/poetry/playwriting); and one composer.

A Hermitage residency is a gift of time and space for artists to attend to their work. There is no requirement to produce. It is intensely personal time for concentration AND a community of artists from different disciplines with which to share and learn.

**NOW ACCEPTING
2021 – 2022
GRANT APPLICATIONS
submit by June 1, 2020**



It's a great time to write a grant! Apply for a Grant from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Deadline: June 1, 2020

If you have any questions about the process or the applications, please call or email with questions. The Division of Cultural Affairs is also hosting a series of webinars to learn more about it. Check out the calendar here: <https://dos.myflorida.com/cultural/news-and-events/calendar/>



**Update Your Survey:
The Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on the Arts and Cultural Sector**

Americans for the Arts is asking us all to update our survey to keep up-to-date with the impact as it unfolds across the United States. If you filled it out a few weeks ago, you may have additional information or statistics to share. Please take a moment... thanks.

[Take
Survey](#)

State of Florida Business Damage Assessment Survey

NOTE: This Florida Business Damage Assessment Survey doesn't have a business type option for Arts and Cultural Organizations. Consider choosing "other" and then you have the opportunity to specify "arts and cultural non-profit" rather than be lumped in with entertainment.

[Take Survey](#)
