



ARTIST COVID RELIEF GRANT PHASE 3

DEADLINES:

Applications open March 10, 2021 and will be accepted through March 31, 11:59 p.m., 2021.

PURPOSE:

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. Applicants will be asked to provide a short narrative that addresses how COVID-19 had impacted their ability to generate income from their art form and halted their artistic expression.

THIS GRANT IS OPEN TO:

Artists must meet the following criteria to apply:

- Are a professional, working Long Beach artist (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.
 - The term “artist” applies broadly across disciplines, including performing, visual, literary, film, fashion and multidisciplinary artists.
- Be a member of the Arts Council registry;
- Have been economically impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic period beginning March 27, 2020 to present causing loss of income and inability to basic meet needs met (shelter, food, and medical).

Proof of applicant's loss of or reduction in income/employment due to COVID-19 pandemic can be provided by:

- The specific location/venue of the event(s) cancelled;The date(s) of the event cancelled and; the amount of income projected from each cancelled event. (self certified)
 - A copy of notification of job loss/termination from employer during the eligible pandemic period (March 27, 2020 to present); **OR**
 - A copy of notification of furlough from employer during the eligible pandemic period (March 27, 2020 to present); **OR**
 - A copy of notification confirming reduction in hours and/or pay during the eligible pandemic period (March 27, 2020 to present); **OR**
 - A copy of application during the eligible pandemic period (March 27, 2020 to present) and/or approval for Unemployment Insurance benefits; **OR**
 - A signed self-certification that includes the name of the person who is self- employed, the name and nature of the business, and narrative confirming economic impact on self- employment during eligible pandemic period (March 27, 2020 to present); **OR**
 - A signed self-certification that you were unable to work and/or have extensive medical expenses due to contracting Coronavirus (Covid-19).
- And must meet federal extremely low-income to moderate-income thresholds and be able to demonstrate.

Annual household income (prior to COVID-19 income loss) **does not exceed** the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established "Moderate-Income" limits (See table below). Household income eligibility is based on the following two (2) factors:

- a) The total number of persons residing in the household; and
- b) The total amount of the annual household income

| Number of Persons | Extremely Low-Income | Low-Income | Moderate-Income |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | \$23,700 | \$39,450 | \$63,100 |
| 2 | \$27,050 | \$45,050 | \$72,100 |
| 3 | \$30,450 | \$50,700 | \$81,100 |
| 4 | \$33,800 | \$56,300 | \$90,100 |
| 5 | \$36,550 | \$60,850 | \$97,350 |
| 6 | \$39,250 | \$65,350 | \$104,550 |
| 7 | \$41,950 | \$69,850 | \$111,750 |
| 8 | \$44,650 | \$74,350 | \$118,950 |

AWARD AMOUNT:

Applicants will be eligible for up to \$3,000. Awards will be distributed monthly over three months.

EVALUATION/NEXT STEPS:

- Non-competitive; applications reviewed by Arts Council staff.
- Applicants will be contacted by staff to confirm the application was received.
- Provide income verification documents to Arts Council staff.
- Staff will review applications and conduct a lottery in April.
- Grantees will be contacted by staff. Grantees will be asked to sign a contract and provide a W9.
- Grant allocations will be distributed monthly.
- If funds are not exhausted at the end of this allocation, a fourth phase will be announced.

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To access the online application system, visit:

<https://artslb.org/programs/grants/relief-grants/artist-covid-relief-grant-phase-3/>