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Creative Economy Grants Program

Operational Recovery Grants

Program Addendum

BACKGROUND

The Long Beach Recovery Act (LB Recovery Act), approved by City Council on March 16, 2021, makes possible the Creative Economy Grants Program, designed to provide direct financial relief to the arts, cultural, and historical community in Long Beach to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Long Beach is partnering with the Arts Council for Long Beach (ArtsLB) to administer this program.

The Creative Economy Grants Program includes a total of \$400,000 in funding allocated to support Operational Recovery Grants to support the recovery and ongoing operations of major arts non-profits in the City of Long Beach. Of this funding, \$95,000 will be granted to organizations who apply through ArtsLB's existing Operating Grant Program (OPG) process. These grants are intended to help arts organizations and artists recover from the impact of COVID-19 and to support the expansion of employment opportunities in the arts and cultural sectors. Grants will be awarded to organizations to retain key staff, expand operations, offer programming, and provide subgrants that provide benefits for artists across the City.

This addendum provides information on differing and supplemental application requirements for applications for Operational Recovery Grant (OPG) funding supported by the LB Recovery Act.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the LB Recovery Act Operational Recovery Grants must be submitted through the Arts Council for Long Beach through the OPG I and II application. Applicants must complete the application in full and comply with all requirements in the OPG guidelines, except for where noted below.

MATCHING FUNDS

A dollar-for-dollar (1:1) match for the proposed project through December 31, 2023 is **not required** to apply for the LB Recovery Act Operational Recovery Grant program, and the absence of match funds will not disqualify an applicant under this program. However, consideration and preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate outside support for the project including corporate or private contributions; County, State, or Federal governmental grants; or earned income.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

All funds must be expended by December 31, 2023. If awardees are unable to expend the funds by December 31, 2023, they must notify the Arts Council in writing no later than October 31, 2023.

Awardees are responsible for documenting eligible expenditures to ensure compliance with the LB Recovery Act (e.g., receipts, checks, bill payments, payroll costs). Required documentation should be retained by the awardees and available upon request, per Treasury guidelines, for five to seven years.

In addition to financial documentation, awardees are responsible for tracking and reporting to the Arts Council for Long Beach key metrics related to the grant.

OTHER SELECTION CRITERIA

- Selection preference will be given to organizations that propose programming in communities in Long Beach that have been most impacted by COVID-19 (see the City's COVID-19 dashboard with the [Total Cases per 100k Population by Zip Code map](#) showing the most impacted communities).
- Selection preference will be given to organizations that propose programming that is free and open to the public.
- Awardees must allow other LB Recovery Act programs to participate in the programming in order to maximize collective impact.