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Arts Recovery Program

About this Program

The Arts Recovery Program was created to provide ***entities that are not receiving FY22 Arts Organization Support** an opportunity to obtain relief funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) via Indiana’s allocation from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The fund supports the day-to-day business expenses of an **arts organization** as they get back to doing what they do best – **providing accessible arts opportunities that strengthen Indiana communities**. Eligible expenses include:

- Salary support, full or partial, for one or more staff positions
- Fees/stipends for artists and/or contractual personnel
- Facilities and operational costs such as rent and utilities, e.g., electric, phone, gas bills.
- Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences
- Marketing and promotion costs

Additional details on eligible expenses can be found later in this document.

Funds must be used within the grant period and be in alignment with the IAC public funding imperatives (<https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/funding/funding-imperatives/>).

**FY22 Arts Organization Support grantees have access to American Rescue Plan funds through their “Next Steps” grant acceptance form in the online system.*

Award Amount

All organizations awarded through this opportunity are eligible to receive funding up to \$2,500. The exact amount will be dependent upon demand and available funding. There is no match requirement.

Timeline	<i>all times eastern</i>
Grant Period	September 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
Applications Open	June 30, 2021
Application Due	July 28, 2021, 4:30 p.m. eastern time

Award Notification	August 2021
First Payment (75%)	November/December 2021
Final Grant Report Due	July 13, 2022, 4:30 p.m. eastern time
Second Payment (25%)	June - July 2022

Before applying, review the following:

- Important things to consider before applying (<https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/funding/consideration/>); and
- Requirements for entities (<https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/funding/requirements-of-grant-recipients/>).

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

FY22 Arts Organization Support grant recipients of the Indiana Arts Commission are **not** eligible to apply for resources from this fund. To be eligible, an applicant must meet the following:

1. Be an arts organization as defined as an entity whose primary purpose is arts producing, promoting, presenting service or teaching organization as demonstrated by ALL of the following:
 - a. Significant evidence that it is viewed as an arts organization by its community;
 - b. Arts as core purpose, mission, and focus. The organization’s Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws must reflect this core purpose;
 - c. The majority of public programs are arts programs and occur with regular, scheduled frequency throughout the (non-pandemic) year (e.g. festivals are not eligible);
 - d. Facility space (indoor and/or outdoor) is utilized predominantly as arts production or arts activity space (as applicable);
 - e. A proportionate amount of operating budget is allocated to direct arts programs and services;
 - f. Provide significant, verifiable arts education-focused programming.
2. By March 1, 2020 and at the time of the application deadline, organization must be an active private, nonprofit tax-exempt organization with either 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) OR be an Indiana public entity (part of city or county);
3. Organizations whose primary purpose is educational or instructional e.g., schools, universities, colleges, etc. are ineligible;
4. Any organization whose sole or primary purpose is to fundraise (e.g., “friends of” groups, foundations, etc.) are ineligible;
5. Entities that receive state-level operating support or non-project support directly from the Indiana General Assembly are ineligible. This includes any line items/support or contributions from the state within the organization’s operating, facility, or other organizational budgets.
6. Must be physically located in Indiana with the majority of its arts programming, services, or activities taking place in Indiana, and must primarily serve and engage Indiana audiences and participants;
7. Must provide a financial Profit and Loss statement for the organization’s most recently completed fiscal year.
8. If required by the state of Indiana Office of the Auditor, must have an annual, independent financial audit conducted by a CPA; at a minimum a Financial Statement is required by the IAC;
9. Must have a DUNS number that reflects organization legal name and current physical address;
10. Must not have any outstanding Final Grant Reports due to the Indiana Arts Commission; and,

11. Must comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, including but not limited to those that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Eligible Expenses

- Salary support, full or partial, for one or more staff positions.
- Fees/stipends for artists and/or contractual personnel to support the services they provide for specific activities.
- Facilities costs such as rent and utilities, e.g., electric, phone, gas bills. (Not to include upgrades to HVAC/ventilation systems or other renovation/construction costs.) Note: Costs related to home offices are unallowable.
- Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.).
- Marketing and promotion costs.

Ineligible Expenses

- Home Offices. All costs related to home offices are unallowable per 2 CFR 200.465(f).
- Retail Workers, such as gift shop employees and café workers, are unallowable.
- Lobbyists

Application Submission Deadline

The application deadline is July 28, 2021 4:30 PM (EST). Late applications will not be accepted. Please note, no changes can be made to the application following the deadline.

Panel Review Process

All applications receive an initial review by IAC staff to ensure that all required information was submitted and that the application is eligible for panel review. If any discrepancies are found (such as incomplete answers or uploads), the application may be deemed ineligible to move forward to panel review.

Each eligible application will be reviewed and evaluated by a conflict-free panel of field professionals. The panel review will take place online in August, will be open to applicants and the public for observation only, and will be recorded. Applicants may observe the panel review online, but cannot lobby or address the panel on behalf of their application before, during, or after the panel meeting. The panel date, time, and registration information will be posted on IAC website.

Panelists will assess the applicant's:

1. **Artistic Excellence** based upon the extent to which the organization is preserving and/or advancing the arts form;
2. **Artistic Merit** based upon the extent provides relevant arts activities and access to the arts for underserved populations (people lacking access to arts programs, services or resources due to isolated geographic location, low income, age race/ethnicity, cultural differences, disability or other circumstances.)
3. **Organizational Resiliency** based upon the extent to which the organization demonstrates it is currently operating and will continue to operate during the funding period.

Panelists will evaluate eligible applications based upon a Yes or No process

- Yes = recommend for funding (demonstrates it meets the above criteria)
- No = do not recommend for funding (does not demonstrate it meets the above criteria)

Ready to apply?

Only applications submitted online will be accepted, except in the case of ADA accessibility accommodations. To access the application in the online system visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/apply>. The IAC welcomes applications from people with disabilities. For accessibility accommodation requests, contact Stephanie Haines shaines@iac.in.gov or 317-450-9937.

For technical concerns with the online system, contact Deanna Poelsma at dpoelsma@iac.in.gov or 941-932-5395.