

# CARES for the Arts

## Guidelines

### **BACKGROUND**

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 recognizes that the nonprofit creative sector is an important part of America's economy. In response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the National Endowment for the Arts awarded 40 percent of its CARES appropriation directly to state and regional arts agencies. As a state agency, the California Arts Council is distributing its share of funding to those among its State Local-Partners (SLPs) who elected to opt in. YoloArts, as an SLP, is distributing \$12,630 among eligible arts and cultural applicant organizations or groups who serve socially vulnerable populations and, particularly, communities of color, impacted by COVID-19 in Yolo County.

### **AWARD**

Grants will be awarded to arts & cultural organizations that serve socially vulnerable populations / communities of color in the amounts of \$500–\$3,000.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

All applicants must meet the grant eligibility requirements listed below:

- Applicants must be an arts and culture organizations, or groups based in Yolo County, who serve communities of color.
- The organizations board of directors, staff and artistic contractors must include and represent the communities of color served by the organization.
- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) status is not required.
- Arts activities, programs and/or services provided must be culturally relevant and responsive to the identified community or group.
- Priority will be given to general operating support, project-based support, and not the creation of new projects.

## **FUNDING RESTRICTIONS**

- Organizations applying must not have received prior CARES funding.
- Grants must support organizations that serve people that are socially vulnerable communities of color through their mission and program or have a plan to provide services to constituents that meet these requirements.
- Creative services must increase social/racial equity through improving access to the organization.
- Organizations or groups applying must provide arts and culture services to residents of the Yolo County community.
- All programs must serve people that are socially vulnerable/of color with an opportunity that otherwise might not exist.
- The award may not be used to supplant other state-funded expenses.
- The award may not be used to support any of the following expenses:
  - Individuals (as applicants)
  - Hospitality or food costs
  - Non-arts organizations that are not involved in arts activities (as applicants)
  - Fundraising activities or services such as annual campaigns, fundraising events, or grant writing
  - Programs or services intended for private use, or for use by restricted membership
  - Projects with religious purposes
  - Operational, administrative or indirect costs of schools, colleges, or universities, or any activities that are part of the curricular base of these institutions
  - Trusts, endowment funds, or investments
  - Capital outlay, including construction projects or purchase of land and buildings
  - Equipment
  - Debt repayment

## **GUIDELINES**

- A funding match is not required.
- Priority will be given to general operating support, existing program support, and not the creation of new projects.
- Funds must be expended by June 30, 2021.
- A short, 1 page, report on how the funding was used and the impact on the community served is required by July 15, 2021.

## **SUPPORT AND QUESTIONS**

We are here to help. If you have any questions, please send us an email at [aflory@yoloarts.org](mailto:aflory@yoloarts.org), with “CARES for the Arts” in the subject line. Please allow at least 24 hours for a response.

\*\*YoloArts office will be closed December 21, 2020-January 1, 2021. Emails sent during this time will be answered upon returning to the office January 4, 2021.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

There are two ways to apply:

1. Complete and submit the online application, or;
2. Download and complete the application PDF.
  - Return to YoloArts by email to [aflory@yoloarts.org](mailto:aflory@yoloarts.org) with “CARES for the Arts” in the subject line.
  - If application must be hand-delivered visit YoloArts administrative offices at 508 Gibson Road and drop it through the mail slot in the garage door. Email [aflory@yoloarts.org](mailto:aflory@yoloarts.org) to notify YoloArts that the application has been dropped off.

## **DEADLINE**

Application deadline is January 6th at 5PM.

## **TRANSLATION**

A Spanish translation of CARES for the Arts Guidelines and Application is available on request.