

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

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- 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, 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 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 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.