

FAC ARPA ARTIST RECOVERY GRANTS

Instructions and Eligibility Confirmation

Please carefully review the FAC ARPA Artist Recovery Grants background and general information, eligibility criteria and other program details before beginning your application.

If you have any questions during the application process, you may contact Frederick Arts Council's office at info@frederickartscouncil.org for assistance.

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Frederick Arts Council (FAC) is Frederick County's umbrella arts organization, a resource and advocate for all local artists, creatives, and culturally-minded community members. FAC gives grants to individuals and organizations, provides programming, and serves as a liaison for the arts with all levels of government. Whether you're engaged in the arts as an audience member, patron, educator, or artist, the Frederick Arts Council is your arts ally. Its purpose is to foster an environment where the arts may flourish in our community through grants and scholarships, robust programs, arts advocacy, and links to essential resources.

The Arts are a unique asset in Frederick County and beyond, and are vital to the quality of life that all of us enjoy. Arts are a driver of hospitality, tourism and local spending in our community and across our nation. The Arts are an \$878 billion industry that represents approximately 4.5% of our nation's economy; larger than the agriculture, transportation and tourism sectors [AFTA 2020].

The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on all areas of our community, but is has been especially harsh for our Arts community. According to the U.S. Treasury's CSLFRF Final Rule, "among nonprofits that collect fees for services, the median revenue amount collected from such fees fell by 30 percent from 2019 to 2020, with arts organizations experiencing a 50 percent decline." To help stabilize our local Arts community in Frederick County, the Frederick Arts Council will be running an artist recovery grant program that will provide \$1,000 awards to local artists severely impacted by the on-going pandemic.

This project is being supported, in whole, by Federal award number SLFRP1623 awarded to Frederick County, Maryland by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



ELIGIBILITY

Local artists working in all disciplines, including visual arts, dance, music, theatre, sculpture, literature or media/multimedia are eligible for an award if:

- the artist is a resident of Frederick County, Maryland;
- the artist has suffered financially due to a loss of artist income from the pandemic's impact;
- the artist can provide evidence of being a practicing artist locally;
- the artist is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service, the State of Maryland, and Frederick County Government (by self-attestation); and,
- the artist is in compliance with Federal, State and Local human rights laws (by self-attestation)

AWARD AMOUNTS

The FAC ARPA Artist Recovery Grants will provide 200 local artists still struggling with the on-going impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts community with a \$1,000 grant award.

GRANT PERIOD

Artist experienced loss of artist income since January 1, 2022 due to the continued impacts of the pandemic.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

A diverse committee consisting of Frederick Arts Council members, artists, staff and community representatives will review applications for this grant based on the applicant's eligibility and financial need.

The Committee reserves the right to request clarification or additional information as needed during the review of applications and to make a determination on an award amount at its discretion based on verification of information received.

In the event more applications are received than awards can be provided, preference will be given to applicants who are member artists with the Frederick Arts Council.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The Frederick Arts Council anticipates the following schedule for reviewing submitted applications and determining funding awards:

Timeline: Application opens April 7, 2023

Application deadline May 1, 2023 11:59pm

Release of funding will be in three waves on a first come, first served basis

Please apply through the following link: <https://frederickartscouncil.slideroom.com/#/permalink/program/69392/eYlswhNU1M>



APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1) **Legal Name**
- 2) **Artist Name** *If same as above leave blank*
- 3) **Mailing Address**
This is the address used when mailing your award. You must include City, State, and Zip Code. Applying artists must be residents of Frederick County, Maryland.
- 4) **Proof of Residency**
Please submit a file that supports your proof of residency. The address does not have to match the mailing address, but must be in Frederick County, Maryland to be eligible for this grant.
- 5) **Phone Number**
- 6) **List the characteristics that best describe you**
This information is collected for statistical analysis and reporting, and does NOT affect awarding of grants.
- 7) **E-mail Address**
- 8) **Artist Website** *Please also include any social media links*
- 9) **Artistic Discipline**
- 10) **Artistic Statement**
- 11) **Artist Bio**
- 12) **Describe the last three years of your artistic work**
Summarize three years of relevant work experience or specialized training in your artistic field such as a degree or certification.
- 13) **Explain what portion of your individual earned income comes from your artistic work**
- 14) **Describe your current art projects and your future planned art projects (looking forward 1-3 years)**



Grant Application Attestations and Certifications

Review and acceptance of grant program requirements and agreement conditions:

RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION

The artist applying for this grant award is a resident of Frederick County, Maryland?

Yes No

COVID-19'S IMPACT ON INCOME

The artist applying for this grant award has suffered financially due to a loss of artist income resulting from the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and its negative economic impacts to the local arts community?

Yes No

EVIDENCE OF LOCAL PRACTICING ARTIST

The artist applying for this grant award has provided evidence of being a practicing artist locally?

Yes No

GOOD STANDING

The artist applying for this grant award is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Services, the State of Maryland, and Frederick County Government?

Yes No

COMPLIANCE

The artist applying for this grant award is in compliance with Federal, State and Local human rights laws?

Yes No

This grant program has been created by the Frederick Arts Council (FAC) with funding provided under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), as established under the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) CDEA # 21.027. By submitting this Application, the applicant agrees that should it be awarded a grant, as a Grantee, it agrees as follows:

- All of the information set forth in the Application is true and correct and that any misinformation submitted or omitted could result in the ineligibility of this request.
- The Grantee and the person signing below have authority or right to sign this Application and agree to the terms of the program.
- The Grantee is, and will remain, in compliance with the laws of the Federal Government, the State of Maryland and its political subdivisions, including all laws prohibiting discrimination.
- The Grantee and the person signing below, acknowledges the grant award may not be used for purposes that are prohibited by Federal, State, or Local laws or regulations.
- The funds received pursuant to this Grant cannot be used for expenditures for which the Grantee has received any other Federal, State or Municipal funding for that same expense.
- In connection with the Grant and the Application, Grantee agrees to retain all grant documentation and support for a period of five (5) years and agrees to a County, State and/or Federal audit if required.
- If any information in the Application or supporting documentation are false or materially misleading, the Grantee agrees to repay the amount of the Grant to FAC and the Grantee may be prosecuted for any false statement made as part of the Application.
- Signatures provided by electronic means and sent by electronic means, shall be deemed to be original signatures.

- The award of a grant and the terms shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.
- Grantee is considered to be a beneficiary of grant funds and as such, is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this application. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this application.

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By entering your name below, this represents your electronic signature, and you agree to comply with the grant program requirements and eligibility as described in the guidelines and application, and understand that if the application is approved, failure to comply with said terms and conditions will result in the termination of the grant award agreement, and possible forfeiture of the award.