



San Benito County Arts Council
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COVID ART RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM #1

For Arts Organizations and Cultural Groups serving Communities of Color

Submission Deadline: 5 pm Sunday, October 25, 2020

Overview

The purpose of the San Benito County Arts Council's **COVID Arts Relief Grant Program** is to provide financial support to arts organizations and cultural groups based in San Benito County that serve and represent communities of color and have been disproportionately impacted by COVID. Applicants may apply for general operating support or project-based support, however, grants for general operations that support salaries, artist fees and rent will be prioritized over project-based grants.

This program is funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and the California Arts Council, a state agency.

Grant Eligibility

Arts Organizations serving Communities of Color Grants (applicants may apply up to \$4,000) is designed to aid arts and cultural organizations that serve communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Supported arts and cultural organizations must comply with one or more of the following:

- The organization must include and represent the communities to be served.
- Organization mission, staff, and board (or other advisory or governing body) must be deeply rooted in and reflective of the identified community or group.
- Provided arts activities, programs and/or services must be culturally relevant and responsive to the identified community or group.
- Applicants must be based in San Benito County. Grant funds must be used for the benefit of San Benito County.

Grant Application Guidelines

Applicants will be required to submit an online application at www.sanbenitoarts.org with the following information:

1. Organization Contact Information
 - *Please include links to your organization's or group's work, which may include your website, social media, videos, news articles and/or photo galleries.*
2. Organizational Structure, Programs/Services and Communities Served
 - *Please describe the makeup of your organization or group. Please describe how your organization or group is governed (i.e. paid staff, board, community volunteers) and how decisions are made.*

- *What are your primary programs and services?*

3. Description of Communities Served

- *How does your organization represent and serve communities of color?*
- *Please describe how your organization, mission and leadership are deeply rooted and reflective of the identified community or group? How are your programs and services responsive and culturally-relevant to the identified group?*

4. Impacts by COVID

- *Please describe how your organization, programs and services have been impacted by COVID. Please include a financial narrative of how COVID has affected your ability to fund staff, facilities, programs and services. What are your short- and long-term financial concerns?*

5. Funding Request

- *Include your grant funding request. Applicants may request up to \$4,000.*
- *Please describe how grant funds will be used. There is no required match.*

Grant Application Timeline

Application Due Date	5 pm, Sunday October 25th
Grant Review Panel	October 26 th -November 13th
Announcement of Grant Awards	November 2020

All applications must be submitted *online* at www.sanbenitoarts.org by 5:00pm Sunday, October 25, 2020. A confirmation email will be sent within 48 hours of receipt of the grant application. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

Questions? Please contact us:

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