

Artist Income Recovery Grant

Program Description

The PA Department of Community and Economic Development has provided the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council with funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds are to ensure the stability and recovery of the Commonwealth's arts and culture sector from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Artist Income Recovery Grant program supports the economic recovery of individual artists and arts & culture professionals from the COVID-19 pandemic through a one-time \$3,000 grant.

The funding is reserved for individual artists and arts & culture professionals working in all disciplines who have experienced a disruption to their income stream during the COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020-December 2022). Available to eligible artists and arts & culture professionals in Allegheny, Greene, Beaver, and Washington counties.

Purpose

The arts are an integral component to the social, civic, and economic wellbeing and vitality of our region. The arts and culture sector has experienced a significant economic setback from the COVID-19 pandemic. Across the spectrum of artistic and creative endeavors, restrictions on gatherings, cancellations of events, changes in consumer behavior, and severe unemployment have taken a devastating toll on the sector. The purpose of this program is to support the economic recovery of individual artists and arts & culture professionals from the COVID-19 pandemic in Allegheny, Greene, Beaver, and Washington counties.

Applications will open on July 1, 2024, and will be due on August 1, 2024.

Eligibility

Individual artists and arts & culture professionals are welcome to apply for the Artist Income Recovery grant if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be a resident of Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, or Washington counties from 2019-present
- Must be at least 18 years old

- Must be able to demonstrate a COVID-19 pandemic-related disruption to your income derived from arts-related employment from March 2020-December 2022
- An artist or arts & culture professional in one or more of the following areas:
 - Crafts
 - Dance
 - Design Arts
 - Folk/Traditional Arts
 - Literature
 - Media Arts
 - Multi-Disciplinary
 - Music
 - Musical Theater
 - Photography
 - Theater
 - Visual Arts (2-D)
 - Visual Arts (3-D)

Program Priorities

The Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council was awarded funds for 80 grants, and it anticipates a high demand. At this time, the Arts Council will prioritize awards to the following individuals:

- BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) artists and arts & culture professionals
- Individuals who did not receive a prior Emergency Fund for Artists grant from the Arts Council during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Individuals who are caretakers of family members
- Individuals whose creative or cultural practice is the sole income for the household
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals who are actively working in the arts and culture sector at the time of application submission

*In alignment with the Arts Council's equity goals, fifty-one percent of the funds available for distribution in this program will be reserved for Black, Indigenous, or persons of color (BIPOC)

Selection Process

An applicant must meet the eligibility requirements and submit a completed application including all supporting documents. Applications for the Artist Income Recovery grant will be scored against a simple scoring rubric. Each applicant will receive a base score of 4

based on eligibility, with an additional point granted for alignment with each priority area. Applications with the highest scores will be awarded funding first come, first served.

How to Apply

The Arts Council will begin accepting applications on July 1, 2024. All applications must be submitted by midnight on Thursday, August 1, 2024. Applicants will be notified of the decision on or before Friday, September 6, 2024. Applicants will need to submit all application materials via the Arts Council's grant portal. This can be accessed on the Arts Council's website and through the grant portal located [here](#).

A preview of the application questions and supporting documentation can be viewed through the grant portal beginning June 1, 2024.