Round #4 Emergency Relief Grants for Artists & Artspaces FAQ

Who is eligible?
Visual artists, graduate students, and self-identified artists 21 years of age and older living and working in New Mexico that are being adversely impacted by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and have experienced some kind of financial loss in their artistic practice as a result are encouraged to apply. Additionally, for this fourth round, funding requests up to $5,000 from artist-run artspaces and 501©3 non-profit organizations that present visual art will also be considered.

How are you defining visual arts?
For the sake of this opportunity, visual arts encompass traditional forms such as painting drawing, sculpture, installation as well as photography, film/video, new media, sound art, performance art, socially-engaged artistic practices, and interdisciplinary work that is based in visual art.

I applied during previous rounds do I need to re-submit?
Yes, it is important that you resubmit to this round in order to be considered.

If I received funding in previous rounds, can I re-apply?
Yes.

How much funding is available and what is the most I can request?
516 ARTS will disperse $1,000 grants to individual artists and up to $5,000 for artspaces for a total of $60,000.

What can I use the funds for?
This funding is for basic living expenses such as rent, utilities, groceries, child care, and medical bills. Requests for general indebtedness (payments to credit card debt, student loans etc..) are ineligible. The funds are not intended to be used for project-based proposals at this time. If you are applying as an artspace, these funds can support operations and COVID-safe programming.

How will panelists make their selections?
Panelists will evaluate applications based on both demonstration of financial need and active artistic practice. These grants are intended for professional artists who rely on their art practice and related activities for some or all of their income and have lost that income due to the pandemic. Panelists will show a commitment to equity that ensures diversity among awardees and the inclusion of artists whose communities are underrepresented and disproportionately effected by the pandemic.

What is required for the application?
You will be asked to submit an artist bio, curriculum vitae or resumé (optional), statement of need, and up to 7 images of your artwork. If you do not have a CV or resume, you may include other supporting documentation (newspaper article, review, public art commission, performance etc..) that shows your active practice.

What are examples of financial loss that I should include in my statement of need?
Recouping financial losses due to canceled events such as exhibitions, speaking and teaching engagements, performances, and reimbursement for travel expenses related to creative work that you paid for yourself such as attending conferences or residencies, etc.

**I don’t have a website; how else can I show you more of my work?**
If you recently participated in an exhibition, performance, public event, or led a workshop, share the link with us on your submission.

**If I am selected, how soon will I receive the funding?**
Funding will be dispersed by check or PayPal as quickly as possible following the April 2 deadline and upon receipt of the signed grant contract and W9 form.

**Will this grant impact my unemployment?**
This is a complex issue that 516 ARTS cannot advise on. We recommend you discuss your situation with a tax professional if you have concerns about how a grant may impact your situation.

**Will I have to pay taxes on my grant?**
Most likely yes. Recipients will receive a 1099 from 516 ARTS in January 2022 for their tax purposes. 516 ARTS cannot offer tax advice to individuals and recommends consultation with a tax professional to better address how this grant could impact your financials.

**Are there any requirements for reporting?**
Yes, recipients will submit very brief report that lets us know how the money was used and will be due 30 days after receipt of the funds.