



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Individual Artist Relief Grant

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**1. Who can apply for the individual artist COVID-19 relief grants?**

- Must be a current practicing artist with a sustained commitment to creating work and to a public-facing career in your artistic discipline;
- Must be an individual artist; collectives and/or artistic groups are not eligible for this grant program;
- Must have loss of artistic income in 2020 due to COVID-19 (cancelled performances, residencies, workshops, gallery shows, etc);
- Must have a permanent home address / residence located within the Municipality of Anchorage since January 2019;
- Must be at least 18 years old;
- Must be able to provide a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

**2. Do I need to have earned income from my artistic practice prior to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes. Examples include income earned from the sales of art, for artistic performance, for the production of media, for artistic instruction, etc.

**3. If I received funding from the Alaska Arts & Culture Emergency Relief COVID Grant administered by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation, am I eligible to receive this grant?**

Yes.

**4. If I have questions about my application, who do I contact?**

Kristin DeSmith can be reached at [kristin.desmith@anchorageak.gov](mailto:kristin.desmith@anchorageak.gov)

**5. If I'm having technical issues with submitting my application, who do I contact?**

Erin Baca can be reached at [erin.baca@anchorageak.gov](mailto:erin.baca@anchorageak.gov)

**6. Are collectives, collaborative arts groups, arts nonprofits or groups eligible for these grants?**

No, these grants are for individual artists only.

**7. If I don't have documentation of my artistic practice or achievements, can I still apply?**

If we are unable to verify that you are a current practicing artist with a sustained commitment to creating work and to a public-facing career in your artistic discipline, your application may be declined.

**8. How can I use this money?**

- Funds may assist with loss of income due to mandatory shutdown measures or voluntary precautions taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as any additional expenses incurred to address the direct impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These grant funds may be used to cover costs already incurred.
- Funds may NOT be used for lobbying or to support any effort to influence government action.

**9. What if my art form isn't included in the list of artistic practices on the application?**

The list of artistic practices on the application includes many of the artistic disciplines that qualify for this grant. If you don't see a description that accurately reflects your artistic discipline, please select "other" and explain how your work fits into this grant program. In addition, a list of creative practices that will not be reviewed are included in the application.

**10. What happens if there are more applicants than awards available?**

If more applicants apply than grants available, a random selection from pool of applicants will be used to determine awardees.

**11. Do I have to claim this grant on my 2020 income taxes?**

Yes, you will receive a 1099 from Cook Inlet Lending Center.

**12. If I am awarded a grant, when will I be notified?**

Notifications may begin as early as December 4, 2020, depending on the volume of applications.

**13. If I am awarded a grant, when can I expect the check to arrive?**

We have partnered with Cook Inlet Lending Center (CILC), a local nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution, to administer artist awards. You will need to provide them some information in order to receive a check or direct deposit transfer of your award. The timing largely depends on receipt of your forms.

**14. Will my name be made public as part of the award process?**

Yes, the Municipality of Anchorage will name the recipients of the individual artist COVID-19 grants.

**15. Do I need to file a grant report with the Municipality of Anchorage detailing the use of the grant funds?**

No, you do not need to file a grant report. Though this is a grant made possible through the use of federal CARES Act funds, so may be asked to provide proof of cancelation or loss of income should this federal grant be audited.

**16. Do I need to propose a particular project for the use of these funds?**

No, this is not a project grant. The purpose of this grant program is to help support practicing individual artists who have experienced economic hardship and loss of income from canceled events/sales, residences, workshops, gallery shows, terminated contracts or job loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related emergency orders and/or closures.