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COVID-19 ARPA
PA ARTS AND CULTURE RECOVERY PROGRAM (PACR)

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PA ARTS AND CULTURE RECOVERY PROGRAM

• Grants to support Commonwealth located:
  – Nonprofit arts and culture organizations
  – Local arts and culture districts
  – Arts and culture professionals

• To ensure the stability and recovery of the Commonwealth’s arts and culture sector from the COVID-19 pandemic.

• $15 million available

• Administered by DCED under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA)
• Guidelines online at dced.pa.gov
• Arts and Culture Organizations Recovery component

• Pandemic Payments to Art and Culture Professionals component
• Provides grants to nonprofit arts and culture organizations for:
  1. Reimbursement of revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic
  2. Funding for operating costs to maintain essential functions and recruit and retain core staff
  3. Costs related to establishing new programs or marketing
ELIGIBILITY

• Arts Organizations
• Culture Organization
• Arts or Culture Organization that manages a local Arts or Culture District
• Children’s Museum
• General Museum with at least two equally significant disciplines
• History Museum or Historic Site
• Military or Maritime Museum
• Natural History Museum
• Accredited Zoo
• Planetarium
• Science and Technology Center
• Orchestra
• Art Museum
• Performing Arts Organization
• Public Gardens
OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be located in Pennsylvania
- Must be 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization
- Must have been open to the public since March 2019
- Must have an operating budget in excess of $100,000 (excluding capital and in-kind services)
- Must have at least one full-time staff person
- Must be registered with PA Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations, Charities Section
INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

• Museums and historic sites operated by the PHMC, and associated groups or management groups
• Museums and historic sites operated by state or federal governmental agencies, and associate groups
• Organizations with annual operating budgets less than $100,000
• Individuals
USE OF FUNDS

• Eligible:
  1. Reimbursement of revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic
  2. Funding for operating costs to maintain essential functions and recruit and retain core staff
  3. Costs related to establishing new programs or marketing

• Ineligible:
  1. Reimbursing revenue which has already been reimbursed by other sources, including philanthropic and federal, state, and local governmental sources
• Provides funding to local organizations within 14 regions of the Commonwealth to provide payments of $3,000 to local arts and culture professionals within each region.
• A nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation or foundation, a unit of government or school district that serves as a local regranting organization for the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA).
USE OF FUNDS

• Eligible:
  1. Pandemic recovery payments of $3,000 to arts and culture professionals who have experienced negative economic impacts from the pandemic.
  2. Administrative Costs – documented administrative costs necessary for administering the pandemic recovery payments shall not exceed 10% of the award.

• Ineligible:
  1. Reimbursing revenue which has already been reimbursed by other sources, including philanthropic and federal, state, and local governmental sources.
• Max grant of $500,000 or 25% of operating budget. Minimum grant of $25,000.

• Organizations with multiple museums must submit separate applications for each eligible museum.

• Organizations applying for both components should submit separate applications.

• Costs must be incurred within the timeframe established by the grant agreement. Costs incurred prior to the approval are ineligible for reimbursement, with the exception for reimbursement of lost revenue.
• Unique Entity ID (UEI) number required
• System for Award Management (SAM) registration
• Compliance with Uniform Guidance 2 C.F.R. Part 200
• Financial Audit – A recipient that expends $750,000 or more in federal awards during its fiscal year is required to provide the appropriate single or program-specific audit
APPLICATION PROCESS

• Application period:
  – December 5, 2022 – February 28, 2023
• Single Application for Assistance
EVALUATION CRITERIA

• Applicants must:
  – Meet the eligibility requirements
  – Demonstrate a financial need
  – Explain how the funding will ensure the stability and recovery of the Commonwealth’s arts and culture sector from the COVID-19 pandemic

• High demand anticipated
APPROVAL PROCESS

• Deadline is February 28, 2023
• Applications will be assigned to analysts who will review for eligibility and completeness
• Complete and eligible applications presented before CFA board for consideration and approval
• If approved, a grant contract will be issued
• After grant contract is fully executed a payment request with relevant documentation will be required for payment of funds
APPLICATION

• Single Application for Assistance
• Search for Program
• Include information for Single App and Exhibits:
  1. Organization Information
  2. Public Benefit
  3. Tax-exempt Documentation
  4. Reimbursement for Lost Revenue
  5. Funding for Operating Costs
  6. Establishing New Programs and Marketing
  7. Pandemic Payments to Arts and Culture Professionals
QUESTIONS?

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