



Vermont Rapid Response Artist Relief

The Vermont Rapid Response Artist Relief provides grants up to \$500 to artists who have lost income due to the loss of a job or cancellation of a specific, scheduled gig or opportunity (e.g., commissions, performances, contracts, workshops, classes, etc.) because of COVID-19.

This program is part of our multi-faceted effort to respond to the economic impact of COVID-19. We are actively exploring options for other recovery efforts for artists and arts organizations. Updates will be [posted on the Vermont Arts Council COVID-19 webpage](#) and announced through our [e-newsletters](#).

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. This application will close on May 13.

Funds are limited, and priority will be given to supporting immediate basic needs such as rent, food, utility bills, etc.

Eligible for Funding

- Recouping financial losses due to cancelled events. This includes but is not limited to:
 - performances in all performing arts disciplines
 - readings, panels, and speaking opportunities
 - classes, workshops, and school closures
- Offsetting loss of income for any artist who has to cancel their creative work because they are an immune-compromised person
- Support for artists working full or part-time who have lost supplemental income used to support their creative practices

Who May Apply

Eligible applicants are practicing artists and workers in the arts and culture field. This includes, for example, teaching artists, arts administrators, lighting technicians, graphic designers, and other employees of arts and culture organizations.

Applicants must also be artists who:

- have been residents of Vermont for a minimum of one year and are residents at the time the award is granted
- are eighteen years of age or older at the time of application
- meet all of the above requirements and are applying as a representative of an artist group

This Program Does Not Fund

This program is not meant to compensate for potential cancellations (estimated revenue losses as a part of a cancelled gallery show are allowed). It is not meant to compensate for lost income connected with any college credit or work-study programs.

Grant Amounts

Grant amounts range from \$100-\$500. Funds are limited; grant awards will not exceed \$500. Grant amounts are dependent upon existing funding and will be awarded on a rolling basis until funds run out.

Timeline

Requests will be processed in the order they are received and notifications will be made as soon as possible. We hope after applying that artists will have to wait no more than four weeks to receive funding and we will do our best to move quickly.

Reporting Requirements

Grantees are encouraged to keep all receipts in case the Vermont Arts Council requests them. Applicants will be required to submit a completed W-9 and may need to claim the contribution as income; please consult with a tax expert.

Access and Nondiscrimination Policy

The Vermont Arts Council is committed to supporting entities that maintain an environment free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic bias, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or other category protected by applicable state or federal law.

Questions?

Inquiries about the Vermont Rapid Response Artist Relief should be made by sending an [email to Amy Cunningham](#) or by calling 802.828.5425. Inquiries about using the online application system should be made by sending an [email to Meredith Bell](#) or by calling 802.828.3292.