



Individual Artist Operations Support Program
FY2021 (September 1 – August 31)

Operations Support for Artists and Small Non-Profit Arts and Cultural Organization

Description:

The Operations Support program is a temporary funding program for FY2021 that will provide relief funding for artists and small non-profit arts and cultural organizations who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to provide the municipal benefit of maintaining a strong arts and culture within the City. This temporary program adheres to the Cultural Funding Program guidelines previously approved by City Council.

Award Amounts:

- \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 for Artists
- \$1,500, \$2,000, \$3,000 for non-profit arts and cultural organizations

Artist funding can be used for:

- purchase of art materials and supplies
- professional development costs
- other expenses related to the Artist's craft that that will allow Artist to continue work after loss of revenue due to project cancellations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-profit arts and cultural organization funding can be used for

- operational or project support costs
- other expenses related to the Artist's craft that that will allow Artist to continue work after loss of revenue due to project cancellations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility:

Artists must-

- Be Residents of El Paso (at the time of submission)
 - El Paso-born artists residing out-of-town are ineligible
- Demonstrate 3 years of artistic practice
- Have participated in MCAD programs over the last 15 years. Programs include:
 - Chalk the Block
 - Dancing in the City
 - Dia De los Muertos
 - Music Under the Stars
 - Downtown Artist and Farmers Market
 - Cultural Funding Program Awardee (with exception of OSP Recipients)
 - Professional Development Workshops



- Classes and Camps at El Paso Museum of Archaeology, Art, El Paso Museum of History
- Artists who have participated as collaborating artists in a collective or group are eligible to apply for Microgrant funding if they can corroborate their role. For example, a member of a band performing at Chalk the Block is eligible to apply for Microgrant funding
- Describe how COVID-19 has impacted their artistic practice
- Be in good status with MCAD (Completed previous work/contracts)

Organizations must –

- Be active 501(c)3 organizations
 - Fiscally sponsored organizations are ineligible to apply for micro-grant funding
- Have received MCAD funding at least one time in the past fifteen years
- Demonstrate how COVID-19 has impacted their non-profit organization and programming
- Be in good status with MCAD (Completed previous work/contracts)
- Continue to produce art within their medium in El Paso for no less than 6 months following receipt of the funding

Application requirements

Artists:

- Artist Statement (500 words or 2 minutes)
- Resume/CV (2 page-limit)
- 5 Work Samples
- Statement regarding impact of COVID-19 on artistic practice (500 word max.)

Organizations:

- Organizational Mission Statement 500 words or 2 minutes)
- History of Programming (Most recent activities from the last 5 years)
- Board List with Meeting Dates
- Certificate of Good Standing
- Organizational Work Sample
- Statement regarding impact of COVID-19 on organization

***Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or eligible for funding.**

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling deadline until funds for Micro-grants are exhausted.

Review Process

All applications will be reviewed to ensure that:

- All applications are complete
 - All narrative questions have been answered
 - Required attachments have been submitted
- The artist or organization meets eligibility requirements
- The artist or organization demonstrates a need for micro-grant funding

Award Process

Awards will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis after a review of eligibility by MCAD staff. Artists and non-profits are eligible to receive one award during the fiscal year.