COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grants
For Arts Organizations and Create Grantees

APPLY
ONLINE: bit.ly/artscouncilsc-grants
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until Monday, April 27, 2020.
Approved awards will be made within two weeks of application submission.
Details: artscouncilsc.org/grants

Grant Program Overview
Arts Council Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Relief Grants provide one-time emergency support to arts organizations and current Create Grantee artists that are based in, produce, and publicly exhibit their work in Santa Cruz County.

The funding for this program would not be possible without a generous bequest from Bonnie Bernardi, a founding board member of the Arts Council and the driving force behind our SPECTRA arts education program for many years. It is with deep gratitude that we make these resources available to support our arts ecosystem during this time.

Commitment to Equity
We recognize that this crisis will exacerbate existing systemic disparities in access to arts funding, and we know that artists and arts organizations who are already systematically disadvantaged will be hardest hit by a loss of income. Through these grants, we will work to prioritize our available funding to reduce those structural disparities.

Eligibility and Review Criteria
Grant Program staff determines the eligibility of the applicant based on the following criteria.

Arts Organizations:
Applicants must be any organization supported by an Arts Council Sponsor, Support, or Elevate grant over the past 5 years.

Review criteria and considerations for arts organizations:
• The risk that the organization will have to close its doors;
• The ability of our limited funding to make a meaningful difference for the organization;
• Percentage of realized plus projected losses compared to budget size, due to COVID-19 between March 1-June 30, 2020; and
• Amount of cash reserves.

Create Grantees:
Applicants must be a current Create grantee with an Arts Council-funded event/artwork impacted by COVID-19.

Review Criteria for Create grantees:
• The financial impact of COVID-19 on the planned event/artwork and the artist.
Review Process
Grant applications are reviewed and approved by board members, staff members, and volunteers.

Awards
The Arts Council Board of Directors has allocated $75,000 for these Relief Grants. One estimate of the loss to Santa Cruz County arts organizations is over $1.5 million. Award sizes will be determined based on the review criteria and will be made within two weeks of application submission and will be paid in one installment upon approval.

Grantee Responsibilities
Retain financial records related to the grant in the event that they are required for an Arts Council audit.

How to Apply
1. Register for an account or log-in online at bit.ly/artscouncilsc-grants
2. Complete the online application.

If you encounter problems or have questions, please contact Hannah Garcia, Grants Program Manager at hannah@artscouncilsc.org.

Public Records
Information submitted as part of a grant application is kept confidential unless disclosure is required by law.

Statement of Non-Discrimination
Arts Council Santa Cruz County is committed to providing services and making resources available to every resident of Santa Cruz County without regard to ethnicity, color, creed, religion, age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, military status, marital status, political opinion, national origin, familial status, mental and physical disability, or source of income.