



Utah Individual Artist Emergency Funds Application Guidelines

This funding is jointly offered by Utah Arts & Museums and the Salt Lake City Arts Council.

The Utah Individual Artist Emergency Funding is a resource dedicated to supporting working artists residing in Utah who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Focused on lost income, these one-time relief funds of \$500 will be provided to artists for as long as the fund can sustain requests. Funding will be made available for artists practicing in various disciplines including visual, digital, folk/traditional, film, music, performing, literary, craft artists, etc.

We are approaching this emergency funding with the assumption that artists who need these funds will seek them. We acknowledge that the funds are limited and that needs far exceed the funds available. We ask that if you are currently receiving or anticipate being approved for full-time unemployment benefits that you please yield to other applicants who may have a greater need.

This funding is available for working artists who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19:

- cancellation of events, performances, exhibitions, or other creative work
- you or a family member being diagnosed with COVID-19 and the required quarantine resulting in loss of work/income*
- disruption to work due to care for a dependent child as a result of child care or school cancellation*

If requests for funding exceed available funds, awarding of funds will be randomized; an effort will be made to make certain that funds reach into rural Utah as well as historically marginalized constituents.

** as outlined in the [FFCRA Act](#)*

Timing/Due Date

Application Round 1: Opens Tuesday, April 21st - Closes Tuesday, April 28th midnight
Application Round 2: TBD

Eligibility Requirements

You must be able to positively affirm each of the following statements:

- I am a practicing artist able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to my work, career, and a public audience;
- I am experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- I am 21 years of age or older;
- I am legally able to receive taxable income in the U.S. (e.g. citizen, green card holder, and/or permanent resident who can provide a W9 and SSN or ITIN)
- Utah is my primary residence;
- I have not previously been awarded relief from this fund.
- I am not a full-time student in a degree seeking program.

Application Questions

- General Information Questions

Relief Fund Justification Section:

- Briefly describe your current COVID-19 related hardship and why you are applying for these funds. (Character limit: 300 minimum to 1,000 maximum)
- Please provide a link to your artist website/portfolio. If you do not have a website, skip to the next question.
- If you do not have a website, you may upload 2-3 artistic samples that demonstrate current/ongoing work in your field. (upload question).
- (Optional) Evidence of hardship. Please upload proof of cancellation/postponement, inability to work, need for childcare, etc.
- (Optional) Identify any additional risk factors that you would like to have us consider in this funding review.

Frequently Asked Questions

If I get funded, can it be taxed?

These funds may be subject to U.S. taxes. Consult with your tax advisor.

Do I need to file a final report if I am awarded these funds?

No final report will be required for these funds.

I missed the first deadline! What should I do?

If you miss the first round of funding, we may provide one or more opportunities to apply until the funds are expended; no more than one funding award will be provided per individual. There is a possibility that we will provide a new opportunity after July 1 when a funded artist could apply for additional money. Please stay tuned.

I live in Salt Lake City. Can I get Utah Individual Artist Emergency Funds from both Salt Lake City Arts Council and Utah Arts & Museums?

No. Unfortunately, we do not have enough resources to assist everyone. Our two agencies have joined together to assist each other in order to better serve the entire state.

How will applications be reviewed and funded?

If the requests exceed the funding available, all applications that meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be considered and may be funded through a randomized allocation of funds. As public entities, Utah Arts & Museums and Salt Lake City Arts Council will strive to ensure that artists of all disciplines, in every geographic community (including rural Utah), and underrepresented demographics (including refugee, veteran, every race, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc.) are served; these criteria may be used to prioritize the applications for funding. These factors will be considered and prioritized in making funding allocations.

Questions?

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