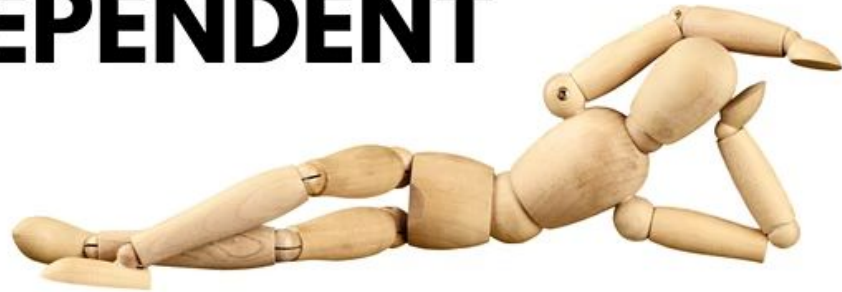


INFORMATION SESSION: EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR INDEPENDENT ARTISTS



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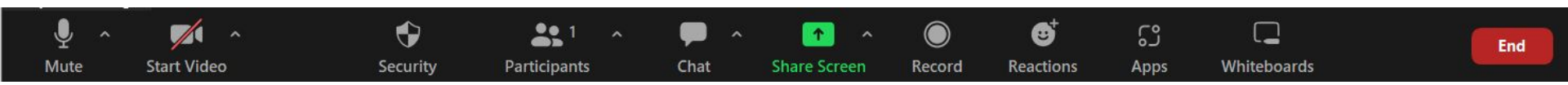
Laura Weiss, Program Director, Arts Services

Reference Shot of Zoom Features

Microphone and Video

Chat

Raise Hand & Reactions



End Meeting

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Equity and Justice Statement

The arts celebrate our state's diversity, connect our shared humanity, and transform individuals and communities. The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) and its supporting collaborators are committed to advancing and modeling equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of our organizations and across communities of our state.

MSAC and its grantees are committed to embracing equity and non-discrimination regardless of race, religious creed, color, age, gender expression, sexual orientation, class, language, and/or ability.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge the lands and waters now known as Maryland are the home of its first peoples: the Accohannock Indian Tribe, Assateague People's Tribe, Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, Choptico Band of Indians, Lenape Tribe, Nanticoke Tribe, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, Piscataway Indian Nation, Pocomoke Indian Nation, Susquehannock Indians, Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee, and tribes in the Chesapeake watershed who have seemingly vanished since the coming of colonialism. We acknowledge that this land is now home to other tribal peoples living here in diaspora. We acknowledge the forced removal of many from the lands and waterways that nurtured them as kin. We acknowledge the degradation that continues to be wrought on the land and waters in pursuit of resources. We acknowledge the right of the land and waterways to heal so that they can continue to provide food and medicine for all. We acknowledge that it is our collective obligation to pursue policies and practices that respect the land and waters so that our reciprocal relationship with them can be fully restored.

Vision

The Maryland State Arts Council plays an essential role ensuring every person has access to the transformative power of the arts.

Mission

Maryland State Arts Council advances the arts in our state by providing leadership that champions creative expression, diverse programming, equitable access, lifelong learning, and the arts as a celebrated contributor to the quality of life for all the people of Maryland.

Goal 1. Increase Participation: Broaden MSAC's constituency, providing avenues designed to increase pathways to engagement

Goal 2. Provide Intentional Support: Embrace thoughtful and targeted approaches to serving known and yet to be known MSAC constituents

Goal 3. Build Capacity: Work strategically to further build organizational and governance capacity to ensure that MSAC is capable of vigorously delivering on its mission

Goal 4. Leverage Connections: Further enhance current relationships and involve additional partners, collaborators, and constituents who will benefit from and advance the work of MSAC

Goal 5. Bolster Maryland Arts: Showcase the high caliber, diverse and relevant work of Maryland's artists and arts organizations; their contributions to community vitality and MSAC's role as a catalyst

Creative Meeting Actions

Celebrate being in the space with other creative people.

Engage with everyone's presence as a gift.

Acknowledge that together we know a lot.

Enter the conversation with curiosity and inquiry.

Share your idea and trust that it will be heard.

Use "I" statements.

Focus your language on the task at hand.

Hold one another accountable with care.

Apply "Yes, and!" - "I hear your idea and I'm going to add to it!"

Balance speaking and listening.

MSAC Professional Development

Follow MSAC's Eventbrite page for updates about free professional development opportunities

- Topic-specific sessions on Financial Management, Legal Advice, Marketing Strategies, Strategic Planning, Board Engagement, and more.
- Coffee with the Council
- Creative Conversations
- Regional Arts Summits (in the fall)
- Maryland Arts Summit (visit mdarts.org)



Propose a topic by emailing msac.commerce@maryland.gov
Sign up for our mailing list at tinyurl.com/MSACMailingList

Join us as a Panelist!

MSAC relies on a diverse array of constituents from across the state of Maryland to do the important work of evaluating applications.

- **Public Call for each MSAC Program - Apply in Smart Simple**
- **Training & Support is provided by MSAC Staff**
- **Role includes Review and Scoring of Applications in connection to Rubric**
- **Required Attendance at the Public Panel Meeting(s)**
- **Compensation Provided for Service (*\$50/training, \$100/panel meeting, \$200/review period + additional fees for different programs.*)**

Today's Agenda

- Review of Emergency Grant for Artists Program & Guidelines
- Emergency Grant for Artists Application
- Monthly review process
- Smart Simple
- Q&A

Emergency Grant Overview

Purpose of program:

- The Emergency Grant (EG) is meant to support the needs of independent artists as they adjust to income losses as the result of an emergency situation
- Came out of the various rounds of Emergency Relief funding during the height of the pandemic; there was a clear need for continued support for in times of unexpected emergencies.

Emergency Grant Overview

- Available for up to \$2,000
- Brief application
- Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed monthly
- Eligible to receive one Emergency Grant per fiscal year

Emergency Grant - Who Can Apply?

- Independent Artists Only (not available for organizations)
 - Must be an artist or collaborative group not directly affiliated with a larger arts organization or program.
 - Must produce or present projects or programs that are relevant to the community and accessible to the public.
 - Must be a Maryland resident and must be 18 or older.
 - May not be enrolled in any matriculated high school, undergraduate or graduate degree program.

Emergency Grant - Who Cannot Apply?

- Individuals with full-time employment
- Artists whose income is derived from the creation or execution of artistic work for industry-oriented or industry-related production, meaning artistic work that is produced at large volume or for a commercial entity.
- Artists enrolled in high school, any undergraduate classes or programs, or graduate instructions during FY 2023.
- Artists who received a State Independent Artist Award (\$25,000) in FY21 or FY22
- Artists who received a \$10,000 Regional Independent Artist Award in FY22.

Emergency Grant - What can it support?

- Grant funds may be used for losses sustained because of programming and/or events that have been modified or canceled as a result of the stated emergency, including but not limited to emergencies in relation to COVID-19.
 - Examples include **essential living expenses**, (including but not limited to rent/mortgage, groceries, medical expenses, utilities, etc.)
 - Expenses related to artistic supplies/materials/etc must have a clear and direct connection to the emergency sustained and directly connected to planned or anticipated income from the artistic product

Emergency Grant - What can't it support?

- The EG is not intended to be project-based funding
 - If you are seeking funding for a specific project (that is in the works or in the future), consider applying for the Creativity Grant instead!
- As with any MSAC grant, the funds cannot be used for political contributions

Emergency Grant - Application

- 3 Narrative Questions, but only 2 scored:
 - 1. Describe your artistic practice and your work as an independent artist. Within your response, describe how much income from your artistic work is typically made or expected during a comparable non-emergency period of time.
 - Not scored

Emergency Grant - Application

2. Describe the emergency situation and how your ability to support yourself as an independent artist has been impacted as a result of the stated emergency.

- *Recommended Response: Clear, specific, and thorough description with detailed evidence of significant impact to the artist(s).*

Emergency Grant - Application

3. How will you use the funding? Include expenses related to any canceled, modified, or additional arts or non-arts income opportunities. Please list each of your expenses by category and amount (such as Utilities: \$75).

- *Recommended Response: Use of funding supports essential living expenses and shows significant need.*

Emergency Grant - Application

- Attachments include w-9, Electronic Signature

The full application & scoring rubric can be found on msac.org

Emergency Grant - Grant Amount

- Emergency Grants are available for \$2,000
- One grant per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30)
- EG Grants are an “all or none” grant
 - If awarded, you will receive the flat amount of \$2,000.
 - We do not offer a percentage or portion of requested amount

Emergency Grant - FAQs

My emergency is not connected to the Covid-19 pandemic. Can I still apply?

Yes. If you have experienced an unexpected emergency scenario that has caused a loss of income to you as an artist, or resulted in unexpected expenses, you are eligible to apply.

I would like to use the emergency grant to support my upcoming project. Is that allowable?

No. If you have an upcoming project/activity connected to your work as an independent artist, you would likely align with the Creativity Grant, which supports projects-based expenses.

Emergency Grant - FAQs

What if I need emergency grant funds to make work to sell as part of my regular income as an artist?

Yes. If you rely on income from selling your work regularly, the emergency grant may support the materials/supplies to make that work. *(We recommend that you explain this in your application)*

I'm eligible and applying to the Creativity Grant and/or the Professional Development Grant, can I also apply for the Emergency Grant in the same month?

Yes! You can apply and receive multiple grants in the same fiscal year – and the same month. Each grant program has different goals and purposes to support different needs.

Monthly Application Review Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Applications are reviewed monthly by a panel. Batches are gathered from the 6th of the month to the 5th of the following month (i.e. apps submitted from Sept 6 - Oct 5 will be reviewed in October)

Applications are reviewed in the middle of the month

Notifications are sent by the last day of each month

Helpful Hint - Apply early!

While you are eligible to apply any time for the Emergency Grant, we encourage you to apply early, whenever possible.

Payment is processed outside of the MSAC offices. If awarded, payment will take approximately 6-8 weeks to be received. Take this into consideration when determining when to apply.

Helpful Hint - Application Feedback

Before submitting your application, Emily/Laura are available to review and/or meet about your application and offer feedback on your draft.

Email your Program Director to request feedback on your draft. Allow for up to 10 business days to receive written feedback.

If not awarded, Program Directors can also gather feedback from the panelists who reviewed your application, and send their recommendations, which are connected to the review criteria.

Smart Simple

All applications must be submitted through Smart Simple
(marylandarts.smartsimple.com)

As an applicant, you will need to register with Smart Simple to apply.

The Emergency Grant will be available in the independent artist profiles.

Login

✉ Email

🔒 Password

Login

[Forgot Password?](#)

New to the System?

Register

Welcome to Maryland State Arts Council Portal

The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) encourages and invests in the advancement of the arts for all Marylanders. Its grants and programs support artists and arts organizations in their pursuit of artistic excellence, ensure the accessibility of the arts to all citizens and promote statewide awareness of arts resources and opportunities.

Google Chrome is the recommended browser for completing applications in SmartSimple.

Go to marylandarts.smartsimple.com to register and/or log-in

My Applications

12

Funding Opportunities

0

In Progress

0

Submitted

6

Approved/Declined



Click on “Funding Opportunities” on your Smart Simple dashboard

Opportunity Details

Arts in Education Grant

Apply Now

Arts in Education Teaching Artist Roster Application

Apply Now

Creativity Grant

Apply Now

Emergency Grant

Apply Now

Presenting and Touring Roster Application

Apply Now

Professional Development Opportunity Grant

Apply Now

Public Call

Apply Now



Click the **“Apply Now”** button to open the application



1. Click "Save Draft" at the bottom of this screen to begin the application. Please note, you will not be able to begin work on the application until you click "Save Draft."
2. Click "Save Draft" after completing each tab in order to save your work.
3. To navigate between tabs, click on the desired tab or use your browser's back button.
4. Click on the MSAC logo in the top left corner to go back to your profile. Be sure to click "Save Draft" at the bottom of the application prior to returning to your profile page.

Please note: To return to a saved draft application, click "In Progress" from the Grantee Home dashboard. From there, select the draft application to be edited and/or submitted. Do not return to the Funding Opportunities area to search for the grant application again, as this will result in creating multiple applications.



Starting September 1, 2022, the Unique Entity ID (UEI) field will be a REQUIRED field for all organizations (including nonprofit organizations, government entities, and schools/universities) applying for funding from MSAC. This will take the place of a DUNS number, which will no longer appear on organizational profiles. After 9/1, an organization without a UEI may be considered ineligible for funding. Independent Artists do not need to obtain a UEI.

Webinar Video (~57 min): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLCuPo2cQ4U>

Quick Start Guide: <https://msac.org/media/570/download?inline>

CONTACT INFORMATION

PROGRAM DETAILS

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ATTACHMENTS

ELECT

SIGNATURES

Grant Contact Name:

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Save Draft

✓ Submit

You have to click **"Save Draft"** to begin any application!

We are here to help!

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