

# Alabama Arts Recovery Program Guidelines



Alabama State Council on the Arts

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As arts organizations return to providing in-person exhibitions, concerts, performances, readings, and programming to Alabamians, the Council on the Arts recognizes the need for financial support for:

- Existing and new full-time, part-time, and contract personnel/artist fees related to general operating
- Facility costs (excluding HVAC and home offices)
- Health safety supplies for staff and public
- The promotion and marketing of arts organizations re-opening to the public
- Technology and equipment that supports an arts organization (not to exceed \$5,000 per item)

Support for these efforts will be available through a grant program funded by federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan. This legislation provided funding to the National Endowment for the Arts, which has regranted a portion to state arts agencies, including the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

The focus of the *Alabama Arts Recovery Program* is **operating costs** that assist Alabama's wide range of arts organizations. Grants focused on programming are available through the Council's annual grants cycle, with the next deadline coming September 1, 2021.

## Timeline

- Applications will be available Thursday, July 1, 2021, at [arts.alabama.gov/apply](https://arts.alabama.gov/apply)
- Applications are due Sunday, July 18, 2021, at 5 p.m.
- Awards will be announced by September 13, 2021
- Funding will begin October 1, 2021, and must be expended by September 30, 2022
- Grants will be paid in two installments, one in October, and a second after completion of a progress report

## Eligibility

Applicant organizations must:

- Be a 501(c)3, located in Alabama, in good standing
- Have an arts focus
- Have expenses that fall into the funded categories (staff, facilities, health safety supplies, marketing and promotion, or technology and equipment)

Applicants may **not** be:

- Individuals
- Current recipients of operating support grants from the Council on the Arts
- Current partners or collaborative ventures of the Council on the Arts
- Fiscal agents for other organizations
- Fundraising organizations or auxiliary support organizations
- K-12 schools, colleges, or universities

## Application Process

The application will be available beginning July 1, 2021, through the online grant application portal at [arts.alabama.gov/apply](https://arts.alabama.gov/apply).

Applicants will be required to provide:

- General organization information
  - Artistic disciplines represented
  - Mission statement
  - Historical and projected operating budget
  - The number of staff members (including full-time, part-time, contract, and volunteer staff)
  - The demographic composition of the staff
  - Visitorship or attendance
  - Accessibility
- Narrative responses to prompts
  - How will these funds address needs related to recovery, reopening, or stabilizing the organization?
  - How does the organization provide for, or serve the needs of the local community?
  - What is the growth plan of the organization as it restarts, recovers, or rebuilds?
- A budget
  - Itemized, with clear indications of eligible uses of the funding
- Required support documentation
  - A form certifying compliance with Alabama law regarding employer enrollment in eVerify
  - A notarized disclosure form

**All applications are due by Sunday, July 18, 2021, promptly at 5 p.m.**

**Disclosure forms are required to be mailed to the Council offices and must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021.**

## Award Amounts

Based on the needs demonstrated in the application, grants will be awarded in these amounts:

- \$10,000
- \$15,000
- \$20,000
- \$25,000

## Additional guidelines

- These grants have no requirement for matching funds.
- Applicants and grantees remain eligible to apply directly to the National Endowment for the Arts for ARP funded grants.
- *Alabama Arts Recovery Program* grants do *not* reduce the number of Council on the Arts project grants for which an organization may apply.
- Additional rules and guidelines may apply, and will be available in the application portal at [arts.alabama.gov/apply](https://arts.alabama.gov/apply).

## Thank you!

The staff of the Alabama State Council on the Arts is here to help you through the application process and to answer questions along the way.

Thank you for being part of the vibrant arts landscape of Alabama!

**Applications will be accepted beginning July 1, 2021.**

**Deadline: Sunday, July 18, 2021, at 5 p.m. CT**