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**FY2021 Emergency Artist Relief Grant Guidelines**

**For activities occurring July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**  
**Application Deadline: Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00pm**

**Garrett County Arts Council, Inc. is supported in part by the  
Maryland State Arts Council ([msac.org](http://msac.org)) and Garrett County Board of Commissioners**

**Purpose:**

Due to the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Garrett County Arts Council (GCAC) recognizes artists may experience financial emergencies due to lack of income in the areas of housing (mortgage, rent, utilities), medicine, childcare, and food. Applicants should demonstrate a need for emergency support to be considered for this grant.

Emergency Artist Relief grants are awarded to artists applying for funding during the annual support period which begins July 1 through June 30.

Garrett County Arts Council, Inc. was incorporated in the state of Maryland in 1976 as a nonprofit organization to promote the development of cultural arts in Garrett County and to integrate the arts into the life of the community. GCAC was designated Garrett County's official arts agency by the Board of Garrett County Commissioners in 1993 for the receipt and disbursement of public grant funds administered by the Maryland State Arts Council.

**The FY2021 Emergency Artist Relief award amount is up to \$500.**

**Eligibility and Evaluation:**

Applicants must conform to established eligibility criteria for funding consideration.

**Who May Apply:**

- Must be a Garrett County resident (owning or renting residential real property in Garrett County at the time of application submission and throughout the receipt of funding).
- Must be 18 years of age or older.

- Must be a practicing artist able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to artistic work, career and a public audience.
- Must provide a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) after notification of funding award.
- Proof of residency may be required.
- Must certify applicant is not a GCAC full-time employee, board member, or immediate family member.

**Application:**

The deadline to apply for the Emergency Artist Relief Grant award is **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis** until all funding is exhausted.