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Emergency Artist Relief Grant Award FY2024 Guidelines

Deadline: February 29, 2024 at 11:59pm

Funding to support independent artists between March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

Garrett County Arts Council, Inc. (garrettarts.org) Community Arts Development Funding for Emergency Artist Relief Grant Awards is supported in part by Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org) and the Garrett County Board of Commissioners

Garrett County Arts Council

The Garrett County Arts Council (GCAC) has been supporting the arts (visual arts, music, theatre, dance, literary arts and culinary arts) in Garrett County since 1976. 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 to support supports visual arts, music, dance, theatre, literary arts, and culinary arts.

GCAC's vision is for Garrett County to have a vibrant and sustainable arts community for artists, their audiences, and the community at large. The GCAC Board of Directors and staff are committed to aiding, encouraging, advising, and coordinating activities dedicated to the promotion of cultural arts in Garrett County, and to integrate such activities into the life of our community.

GCAC is committed to advancing and modeling equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of our programs and events, embracing equity and non-discrimination regardless of race, religious creed, color, age, gender expression, sexual orientation, class, language, and/or ability.

Application Deadline:

The deadline to apply for an Emergency Artist Relief Grant is **Friday, February 29, 2024 at 11:59pm**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funding is exhausted.

Emergency Artist Relief Grant Award Overview:

In FY24, the Garrett County Arts Council (GCAC) Board of Directors has allocated \$75,000 in Community Arts Development funding for Program/Project Grant, Arts-in-Education Grant,



Independent Artist Grant, and Emergency Artist Relief Grant Awards.

Purpose:

Due to the unprecedented nature of the current nation-wide economic conditions, the Garrett County Arts Council (GCAC) recognizes artists may experience financial emergencies due to lack of income and rapid inflation 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 support period which begins March 1 through August 31, 2024.

Description:

Emergency Artist Relief Grants are awarded to Garrett County independent artists seeking support period which begins March 1, 2024 and runs through August 31, 2024.

The FY24 Emergency Artist Relief award amount is up to \$500.

Eligibility:

- 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, the local community 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; and
- must certify that the applicant is not a GCAC full-time employee, board member, or immediate family member.

Use of Funds:

Emergency Artist Relief Grant Awards must be used to support:

- housing (mortgage or rent payment);
- utilities (water, electric, gas, phone and internet);
- food and medicine;
- childcare; and
- be scheduled within the established support period (March 1, 2024-August 31, 2024).

Application Process:

- All applications will be submitted via the GCAC online grants management system at garrettarts.org/grantmaking.



- Lost, misdirected or late applications are the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- Applicants must meet all revision deadlines after submission, as specified in writing, or the application will be withdrawn.
- Technical support from GCAC staff is available during regular office hours, 10am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Please note: GCAC staff are available for application assistance during regular business hours with an appointment. If you are calling or emailing for an appointment during non-regular business hours, please allow sufficient time (12 hours minimum) for a response.

Staff Contact Information:

GCAC maintains a professional staff to administer its grants programs and GCAC-initiated programs/events. Staff members are available to provide technical assistance to the Garrett County arts community between Monday-Friday.

If you require technical assistance submitting the application or formatting your attachments, you must schedule a session with GCAC staff to use the \$MART ART space and equipment. Due to numerous other applications, obligations, and engagements, GCAC's small but dedicated staff is unable to accommodate walk-ins or immediate over the phone assistance at this time.

Contact information for GCAC Staff and grant application one-on-one feedback:

Kathy Beachler, Executive Director

Email: kathy@garrettarts.org; Phone: 301-334-6580

Grant Review:

Staff Review:

After the Emergency Artist Relief Grant application is received electronically it is reviewed by the GCAC Executive Director for completeness and adherence to grant guidelines. Applicants will be notified if their application is incomplete and if additional information or corrections are necessary, and applicants will be given a specific deadline in writing to provide any revisions or other necessary information.

Emergency Artist Relief Grant applications are confidential and approved directly by the GCAC Executive Director based on application information verification.

Funding Amount:

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