



New Jersey State Council on the Arts Distribution of Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds

In recognition of the arts sector's [\\$877 billion contribution](#) to the U.S. economy and a source of 5.1 million American jobs, the National Endowment for the Arts received \$75 million through the (CARES) Act. Directed by legislation, the funds will assist nonprofit arts organizations enduring significant losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Departing from usual requirements, the funds are non-matching and to be used for operating as opposed to projects. Per federal standards, 40% of the funds are awarded through the states, jurisdictions, and regions, and 60% will be awarded direct from the Endowment to arts nonprofits.

The NJ State Council on the Arts received \$492,700 in CARES Act funds. Per federal directives, funds will be distributed broadly, meaningfully, and quickly. Knowing that this allocation cannot mitigate the ongoing and tremendous financial loss sustained by the arts sector, the Council developed a strategy that will ensure these emergency grants have the intended impact and reach into every county, as quickly as possible.

Strategy and Context

59 arts organizations are eligible to receive a one-time, non-matching \$5,000 amendment to their current General Operating Support (GOS) grant, pending certification of compliance. (List follows)

- Eligible organizations include those current GOS grantees with budget sizes of up to \$1,000,000
- Funds are limited to grantees that have come through favorably in the Council's most recent panel review process to minimize administrative costs and ensure responsible, expeditious disbursement of public funds.

All 21 County Arts Agencies are eligible to receive a one-time, non-matching \$9,400 amendment to their current Local Arts Program (LAP) grant, pending certification of compliance. (List follows)

- Through localized regranting programs, LAP partners will help ensure these emergency relief funds reach the smallest organizations, not eligible for direct state support, hard at work serving communities statewide.

All organizations will be contacted by the Council with information on next steps.

Eligible Nonprofit Arts Organizations

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| Art House Productions | GlassRoots, Inc. | Ritz Theatre Company, Inc. |
| Arts & Education Center | Growing Stage-Children's Theatre of NJ | Riverfront Renaiss Cntr f/t Arts |
| Arts for Kids Inc. | Hunterdon Art Museum | Riverside Symphonia |
| ArtsPower | Institute of Music for Children | Roxey Ballet Company |
| Artworks Trenton Inc. | Luna Stage Company, Inc. | Schola Cantorum on Hudson, Inc. |
| Atlantic City Ballet | Mainstage Center for the Arts | Sharron Miller's Acad f/t Perf Arts |
| Barat Foundation | Music For All Seasons, Inc. | Strand Ventures |
| Bay Atlantic Symphony | Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company | Symphony in C |
| Boheme Opera Company | New Jersey Choral Society | The Center for Contemporary Art |
| Cape May Stage | New Jersey Festival Orchestra | The Discovery Orchestra, Inc. |
| Carolyn Dorfman Dance Co | NJ Intergenerational Orchestra | The Garden State Film Festival |
| CavanKerry Press Ltd | New Jersey Repertory Company | The Kennedy Dancers, Inc. |
| Center for Modern Dance Ed. | New Jersey Theatre Alliance | The Theatre Project of NJ |
| coLAB Arts | Nimbus Dance Works | Thomas A. Edison Media Arts Co |
| Crossroads Theatre Company | New Jersey Arts Education Partnership | Trenton Civil Circus Project |
| Dance New Jersey | Ocean City Arts Center | Trilogy: An Opera Company |
| Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre | Passage Theatre Company | West Windsor Arts Council |
| East Lynne Company, Inc. | People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos | Westrick Music Academy |
| Freespace Dance | Princeton Pro Musica | Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey |
| Frontline Arts | Pushcart Players | |

Eligible County Arts Agencies

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| Atlantic County Cultural & Heritage Office | Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission |
| Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historical Affairs | Monmouth County Arts Council, Inc. |
| Burlington Co Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs | Morris Arts |
| Camden County Cultural & Heritage Commission | Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission |
| Cape May County Division of Culture & Heritage | Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council |
| Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission | Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission |
| Essex County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs | Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission |
| Gloucester County Cultural & Heritage Commission | Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council |
| Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs | Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs |
| Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission | Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission |
| Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission | |

With questions or for additional information, please contact [Council staff](#).