North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) announces CARES Act Fund Guidelines and Applications to provide short-term financial relief to those in the arts, cultural and creative industries impacted by COVID-19 pandemic

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Organizations and nonprofits, particularly those dependent on revenue from admissions, ticket sales, and other sources of earned income, are a segment of the North Dakota arts and cultural community especially hard-hit by this public health emergency. Artists and contract workers also engaged in producing art and arts and cultural events are facing unprecedented loss of income due to widespread cancellation of events, residencies, and production contracts.

NDCA received emergency funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to address the COVID-19 pandemic and its related effects through the CARES Act. The NDCA CARES Act Fund will disperse these funds to individuals and organizations in North Dakota in need of financial support directly related to losses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the public health State of Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Burgum on March 13, 2020. Individuals and organizations eligible for this funding are defined as those whose primary mission is to promote and provide connections through creative expression by sharing creative experiences, expressing our own creativity, or connecting us with others and ourselves.

The NDCA CARES Act Fund, a one-time emergency relief fund, is administered by NDCA.

Who: Artists, Arts and Culture Nonprofits

What: Artists: $500 or $1,000;
Arts and Culture Nonprofits: $3,000, $4,000, or $5,000

When: Application opens May 4, 2020 and closes May 18, 2020

Available Funding
A total of $371,700 is available through Cares Act Fund established with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. $225,000 will be allocated to current NDCA Institutional Support grantees.

How to Apply
Download the guidelines and complete all portions of the fillable .pdf application found at http://www.nd.gov/arts/grants/ndca-cares-act-fund-grant.

Manage Your Grant
Grant recipients must complete a final report by September 30, 2020 and share the impact from the funding. More information about reporting requirements will be provided to grant recipients.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to ndcacaresapp@gmail.com; or call 701.328.7590.

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