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Press Release: Alabama State Council on the Arts

Alabama State Council on the Arts to Distribute $457,900 in CARES Stimulus Funding to Arts Organizations

Montgomery, Ala. -- The Alabama State Council on the Arts announces the awarding of CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) stimulus funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The $457,900 in stimulus funding is designated for the arts industry recovery effort in Alabama. Funds will be distributed to eligible arts organizations through a new grant offering by the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

This new federal funding will help stabilize nonprofit arts organizations and sustain Alabama's arts infrastructure. Details about the new grants will be announced by the end of April, including how to apply. For details, visit: www.arts.alabama.gov.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, the Alabama State Council on the Arts supports the arts sector as it endures this crisis and reemerges as a vital and vibrant part of our economy. Alabama arts groups are an integral part of the community and increase the quality of life for our citizens. These organizations are also economic drivers, bringing tourism to communities and providing thousands of jobs statewide. These new grants will help small, medium, and large arts organizations sustain operations through these difficult times.

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the official state arts agency of Alabama. The staff of the Council, directed by Elliot Knight, administers the grants programs and provides technical assistance in arts planning and programming. The Council receives its support through an annual appropriation from the Alabama Legislature and funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

For more information about this new CARES funding, contact Barbara Reed, Public Information Officer at 334-242-5153.

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