

LDOA Individual Artist Relief Grant Guidelines

The purpose of this grant is to provide relief directly to individual Louisiana Artists impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic or other natural disasters that affected our state in 2020. Working artists are crucial to the mission of the Louisiana Division of the Arts (LDOA). We recognize that the disasters our state experienced in 2020 impacted the careers of these artists to a great extent due to the nature of their work.

The LDOA is partnering with 9 Regional Arts Councils throughout the state to administer these grants. Grant award amounts will be up to \$1,500 each. Funds are limited and will be awarded based on the following criteria until funding capacity is reached in each region.

Eligibility Criteria

- The artist/applicant must be an individual artist, defined as one who is dedicated to producing artwork on a regular basis, for at least the past year, as a means of generating income and is able to provide at least 2 of the following:
 - Link to professional website or social media account
 - Uploaded resume/CV/brief bio
 - Uploaded examples of work (at least 3 examples)
- The artist/applicant must be able to describe how they have lost income as a working artist due to COVID-19 or other natural disasters that affected our state in 2020.
- The artist/applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
- The artist/applicant must be a resident of the state of Louisiana.
- The artist/applicant must not be a current board member, honorary committee member, major funder, staff member, or immediate family member of such a person of the Regional Arts Council administering this grant.
- The artist/applicant cannot apply on behalf of any organization, collective, company, band, group, and/or ensemble.

All applicants selected for funding must provide the following identification and proof of residency as well as a W-9.

Valid Forms of ID

- Valid Driver's License
- State Identification Card
- Student Identification Card
- Military Identification Card

- Passport
- Photo Identification (defined as an item containing photo of applicant and first and last name of applicant)
- CPO-One Door Identification Card

Proof of Address

- Valid Driver's License
- Property Tax Receipt
- Posted Mail with name of applicant
- Utility Bill
- Lease Agreement
- Insurance Card
- Voter Registration Card
- College Enrollment Papers

1099 FORM

- If you are awarded funds from the LPG program, you will receive a 1099 FORM from RAC xxx, as we are required by law to report grant awards to the IRS. Income you receive from this program is taxable. If you have any further question, we recommend you contact a tax consultant.
- Expenses from your grant can be deductible. [Click here](#) to go to the IRS page and bullet 2(c) may be of assistance to handling individual grants.

Applications will be accepted starting **Monday, March 29th 2021** and the **deadline to apply will be Friday, April 16th 2021 by 12 midnight.**

To apply you must create an account and fill out the application in our online grant platform, Submittable. [Click here](#) to get started once the application period opens.

[Click here](#) to find public libraries with access to WI-FI across the state.

You can contact the Regional Arts Council that serves your area with any questions. Find the contact information for the Arts Council serving your Parish [here](#).