



Cultural Council

OF GREATER JACKSONVILLE

CULTURAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GRANT REPORT

June 18, 2020

2020-2021 CULTURAL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM

An orientation for the 2020-2021 CSGP Committee is scheduled for June 17. New appointments and reappointments remain pending as the City Council Rules Committee suspended most board, committee and commission confirmations during the stay-at-home order. This year's CSGP Committee members include:

Kenyon Merritt – Chair

Board Reps:

- Diana Donovan
- David Faliszek
- Sandra Hull-Richardson

Community Reps:

- Truitte Moreland
- Sally Pettegrew
- Ben Rubin
- Karen Estella Smith
- Angela Strain
- Kedgar Volta
- Ellen Williams

2020-2021 CSGP applications are due June 24. This year eligible organizations will submit applications for operating support or specific program/project support as the program grant piloted in 2019-2020 will be continued for an additional year.

COVID-19 and CSGs

The coronavirus pandemic has been incredibly hard on the Cultural Service Grantees. All have had to either close their doors or cancel shows, but their creativity is in evidence with online, digital and virtual offerings taking the place of in-person programming as well as the thoughtfulness that is being demonstrated in their plans for reopening to a new reality.

The Cultural Council has responded to the crisis by:

- Convening weekly teleconferences with leaders of Cultural Service Grantee organizations featuring guest speakers from local, state and national levels addressing relevant topics
- Hosting a lunchtime roundtable for the smaller CSGs to discuss issues and share ideas
- Participating in local, state, and national efforts to assist the non-profit arts and cultural sector in navigating the crisis through its various phases
- Preparing numerous ad hoc communications for the CSGs in an effort to cull through and summarize the most relevant of the vast amount of information and resources available for navigating the crisis and the ever-changing challenges
- Creating a COVID-19 webpage, which is continually being updated
- Extending grant reporting and program deliverables for grantees
- Forming a Collective Messaging Committee to develop cohesive communications around donor support, staying engaged during lock-down, and safe reopening
- Seeking emergency legislation sponsored by C.M. Michael Boylan, which will assist CSGs and program grantees impacted by COVID by loosening matching requirements and extending deadlines for program delivery.

THE FUND FOR ARTS & CULTURE – Fill the Void: Artist Relief Funding Campaign

In an effort to support local artists who've lost work during the coronavirus pandemic, the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville has created the FUND FOR ARTS AND CULTURE. The Fund will raise support through individual donations and in partnership with social entrepreneurs, corporations, and local businesses. Secure online donations to the fund are currently being accepted:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/tffac>

The first initiative for the Fund is the Fill the Void: Artist Relief Funding Campaign, generously sponsored by Void Magazine and locally-based clothing brand Strata, which helped seed the Fund through sales of a limited-edition "Void This Virus" T-shirt. Additional support is provided by proceeds from the sale of stickers designed by Jeremy Convery; creation of an original painting by Nicole Holderbaum that was raffled; fees from a webinar sponsored by Indigo Art Therapy; \$5 for every purchase made in Void Magazine's web store; and donations from individuals who care about our artist community.

The Coronavirus pandemic represents a sudden, unanticipated work stoppage for many individual artists. The Fill the Void: Artist Relief Funding Campaign will provide funds directly to Duval County-based artists of all disciplines whose livelihoods in the arts have been negatively impacted by the crisis.

Applicants must demonstrate three things:

1. that they are professional artists;
2. that they have lost work in their artistic field specifically due to the closures, cancellations and shutdown of businesses created by the pandemic;
3. and that they have a need for financial support due to the crisis.

Grants of \$200 – to be used for living expenses – are awarded based on urgency, need, impact, and availability of grant funds.

Round One funded 23 grants; Round Two is currently open and has funding to support up to 20 additional grants.

GRANT SEEKING UPDATES:

- State of Florida

CARES ACT – The Cultural Council submitted grant applications for federal CARES ACT funds administered by the DCA (eligible for \$3,000) and the Florida Humanities Council (eligible for \$10,000).

The Florida Legislature included a modest increase for arts and culture grant programs administered by the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) in the FY2021 budget. This includes the Cultural Council's 2020-2021 General Program Support for Local Arts Agencies grant award from the DCA is in the amount of \$46,500; however, the Governor has not yet signed the FY2021 budget.

The Cultural Council submitted its grant request for 2021-2022 General Program Support for Local Arts Agencies to the DCA on June 1.

- City of Jax

City of Jacksonville ORD 2020-235 was approved appropriating \$159,050,942.50 in CARES Grant funding to be appropriated to various areas of need throughout the city. As part of that appropriation, \$20 million was set aside to provide additional funding to for-profit and non-profit businesses within Duval county negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Eligible organizations were invited to submit a one-page document citing their losses that have been incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic along with their financial request. The Cultural Council submitted its request to the city and encouraged CSGs to do the same.