



## Emergency Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Does being a current AWF grantee have any impact on our application?**

A: Being a current grantee has no impact on your application.

### **Q: What are the grant sizes?**

A: Organizations are eligible for grant amounts based on annual expenses for the most recently-completed calendar or fiscal year:

<b><u>Budget Size</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Amount</u></b>
\$100,000 and under	\$8,000
\$100,00 - \$500,000	\$12,000
500,000 - 800,000	\$16,000
800,000 - 1.5 million	\$20,000
1.5 million +	\$30,000

### **Q: What types of organizations are not eligible for this funding opportunity?**

A: The following are not eligible for this funding opportunity:

- Organizations whose primary mission is related to social services (juvenile justice, housing, community development) but also have an arts program.
- Stand-alone or one-time festivals, conferences, or other events.
- Stand-alone publications, films/videos, or websites.
- Religious-based activities.
- Groups that are legally, financially, or operationally part of a larger institution, e.g. the art department of a college.

### **Q: Our organization has a small reserve for now but will experience future income loss. Can we still apply?**

A: We see this as stage one - immediate relief. Organizations who don't have immediate income loss from prepaid expenses related to canceled shows, etc. will be less competitive. We know that by early summer, there will be another set of problems and hope to be able to respond with stabilization funding.

### **Q: What definition is Arts Work Fund using for "non-recoverable expenses"?**

A: We consider non-recoverable expenses as pre-paid expenses that were in preparation for

an event/performance/workshop that was canceled due to COVID-19. As this is an emergency fund and temporary, we may shift to other types of support over time and as the needs for the field change.

**Q: What specific documents should be attached to the application?**

A: No additional documents need to be attached. It is optional.

**Q: Are the funds only concentrated in the City of Chicago?**

A: We are accepting applications from across the state. Our constraints relate to who donors restrict their funds. But, we do have some funds to support organizations state-wide and want to do so.