



## **ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**Per the CARES Act**  
**(April 4, 2020)**

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will distribute \$75 million in funding provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, in recognition of the arts' \$877 billion contribution to the U.S. economy and a source of 5.1 million American jobs.

- ✓ The \$75 million is intended to assist nonprofit arts organizations "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally."
- ✓ Funds may be used for general operating expenses- a departure from the Arts Endowment's requirement of supporting project-based funding and an acknowledgment of the dire situation facing the arts community.
- ✓ In addition, arts organizations do not have to provide matching funds to receive their grant.
- ✓ As regards to the distribution of the funds, the standard distinction remains of 40 percent awarded to state and regional arts organizations and 60 percent to be awarded by the Arts Endowment directly to applicant organizations.
- ✓ Details regarding timing and applications are being developed and will be announced as soon as they are available. Please check arts.gov in the coming days for more information. Learn more about those distributions [here](#).

Here are a number of resources that arts and culture organizations may find useful:

- ✓ Americans for the Arts - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource and Response Center](#)
- ✓ National Assembly of State Arts Agencies - [Coronavirus Resources](#)
- ✓ ArtsReady - [Arts Ready Alert - South Arts](#) ArtsReady has circulated practical examples of measures being implemented by cultural organizations, including this March 6 [New York Times article](#).
- ✓ American Alliance of Museums - [COVID-19/Coronavirus Resources & Information for the Museum Field](#) contains advice applicable to museums and other cultural venues.
- ✓ American Association of Community Theatre - [COVID-19 Response](#)
- ✓ National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness and Emergency Response - [Current crises page](#)
- ✓ CERF [The Artist's Safety Net](#)

As additional details become available from the NEA, they will be using data from the [Americans for the Arts Survey](#) as part of the process to determine how funds should be equitably distributed throughout the state. You may wish to fill out this [survey](#).