



Mid Atlantic Arts Regional Resilience Fund 2022 Program Guidelines

The Mid Atlantic Arts Regional Resilience Fund, part of the nationwide United States Regional Arts Resilience Fund, an initiative of the U.S. Regional Arts Organizations and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, was created in response to the impact of COVID-19 on our region's arts infrastructure. This grant offers opportunities for stabilizing Mid-Atlantic nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and planning for the future.

With the addition of American Rescue Plan funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, Mid Atlantic Arts is deepening investment in organizations that received or were invited to apply for Mid Atlantic Arts Regional Resilience Fund. Application is by invitation only to previous applicants.

Mid Atlantic Arts Regional Resilience grants will support mid-Atlantic nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with pre-COVID19 budgets of \$250,000 - \$10 million as they build resilience and look to the future with their work. The program is for organizations with visionary leadership and whose work is critical to the region, primarily supporting those making a statewide, regional and/or national impact. The Fund prioritizes organizations, communities, populations and art forms that have historically had less access to major financial resources for sustainability.

Grants may support organizations' day-to-day business expenses and operating costs. Eligible expenses include:

- Salary support, full or partial, for one or more staff positions.
- Fees/stipends for artists and/or contractual personnel for services they provide for specific activities in support of the organization's general operations.
- Facilities and day-to-day operating costs such as rent and utilities (e.g., electric, phone, gas bills). Purchase of new buildings, upgrades to HVAC/ventilation systems; costs related to home offices are unallowable.
- Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.).
- Marketing and promotion expenses related to promoting the organization and public activities.

Non-matching grants of \$8,000 - \$12,000 will be awarded to all Mid Atlantic Arts Regional Resilience Fund past invited applicants who choose to apply. The majority of grants will be in the range of \$10,000.

Organizations who received **National Endowment for the Arts for American Rescue Plan** funds may not seek funding for the same expenses during the same period of time. Recipients will be required to keep documentation to show which costs are being supported by each funding source.

ELIGIBILITY

Application for FY22 grant support is by invitation only to existing grantees and invited past applicants. Applications will open in April 2022.

For details on the 2020 eligibility criteria and nomination process, please see the [2020 program guidelines](#).

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Artistic Excellence

- Exceptional artistic, cultural and community impact
- Visionary leadership (staff and/or volunteer)
- Demonstrated community engagement and support

Artistic Merit

- Statewide, regional or national impact
- Commitment to equity and inclusion
- Track record of stability in fiscal management and ongoing operations

Priority was given to:

- historically under-resourced organizations, and/or those that work to serve under-resourced populations, communities, and/or art forms.

In addition, the geographic distribution of awards between urban and rural areas was considered.

DEADLINE

By Invitation Only: May 5, 2022.

Online applications must be submitted before midnight on the deadline date.

Mid Atlantic Arts staff is available for assistance Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4 PM Eastern. For questions, contact resilience@midatlanticarts.org

PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION

The grant period for Mid Atlantic Arts Regional Resilience grants is July 1, 2022-December 31, 2022.

Applicants can find the 2022 Resilience application in the [online grants portal](#) on April 5, 2022.

Applicants will be notified via email by the end of June 2022.

REQUIREMENTS & REPORTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grantees will receive 90% of the grant award when the grantee has reviewed and signed the grant award agreement. A brief final report is to be completed through the online grant portal 30 days after the grant end date. The final report requires a description of how the grant was used and its impact on the organization. The remaining 10% of the award will be issued at that time.

FUNDERS

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