



## An Apology from Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

### MAAF Reopens CARES Arts Organization Relief Grants from June 11-22

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation opened our CARES Arts Organization Relief Grants application portal on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. We realize that opening the program portal on Blackout Tuesday during a time when many were protesting racial injustice was a significant misstep that inadvertently upheld systemic racism at the very time when we should have been demonstrating solidarity with the Black community. This choice, combined with the extremely short window of time that the application was open before we reached our imposed cap, has caused hurt and distrust. We made a mistake and we own it.

**In order to better serve the field, we have re-opened our [CARES program](#) effective immediately. The portal will remain open until Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm ET. There will be no limit or caps to the number of submissions we accept.** All previously submitted applications, including all New York-based applicants, will be treated as successfully submitted. If you successfully submitted an application and would like the opportunity to review and/or make edits to your work, please contact [ann@midatlanticarts.org](mailto:ann@midatlanticarts.org) and we will re-open your application during the revised application period. Those applicants that had started an application, but not submitted, will be able to access their work in progress for submission. We welcome all new applications.

In addition, over the next few weeks, we want to re-center the voices of those impacted by hosting a series of public listening sessions to hear what the arts community needs from us now. We will announce additional information about the listening sessions next week.

**To review MAAF's CARES Arts Organization Relief Grants eligibility requirements, guidelines, and to apply, [please visit our website](#).**

Thank you for your patience, for holding us accountable, and for your reminders to do better. We are taking it to heart.

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