



North Carolina CARES for Arts

Grant Guidelines

As part of the state's spending plan for federal CARES Act funding, \$9.4 million was designated to provide direct aid to arts councils and arts organizations to mitigate business disruptions caused by COVID-19. These funds will be distributed on a per-capita basis to all North Carolina counties with a population less than 1 million people. As the Designated County Partner to the North Carolina Arts Council, the Arts Council of Wilmington & New Hanover County will administer the funds in New Hanover County.

The purpose of the funds is to offset business disruption and/or expenses incurred due to COVID-19 between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020. The following expenses can be considered: paid salaries and benefits (including contractors), on-going operating expenses, costs associated with canceling programs and creating virtual programs, and COVID-related safety and cleaning measures.

For the purpose of this grant program, revenue losses are not considered for mitigation. North Carolina CARES for Arts funding cannot reimburse any expenses already paid for by other federal relief funds such as PPP loans, direct grants from the NEA, and stimulus grants issued by the North Carolina Arts Council.

How to Submit

A digital copy of the application and attachments must be emailed to info@artswilmington.org by November 9, 2020 with the subject line **NCCARES 2020-2021**.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.