

FAQ's: STATE-LOCAL PARTNER CARES RELIEF FUND

What is expected of my organization if we accept the State-Local Partner CARES Relief funds?

All recipients of this grant program are required to adhere to the following:

- Allocate up to 20% of the funds for operations support
- Submit a brief proposal for approval to the CAC
- Utilize the CAC Decision Support Tool to ensure that regranting efforts focus on communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
- Submit a final report on all outcomes
- All funding related to this award will need to be tracked separately from the general SLP and POL award for the 19-20 grant cycle.
- Provide re-granting to arts organizations using the funds provided through the SAA CARES Relief Funds.
 - SLPs may not award grants to organizations that receive CARES Relief Funds directly from the National Endowment for the Arts
- Expend funds by January 31,2021.

Can we opt-in for these funds if we are eligible for an NEA CARES sub-granting award directly from the NEA?

No. This award is only for organizations that are not eligible for the sub-granting category support from CARES Act Funding. For further questions, please contact the SLP program specialist with questions.

What is the grant activity period?

The grant activity period is from August 1, 2020-January 31,2021. Currently, we will not offer extensions to this award. All funds need to be expended by January 31,2021.

What are the allowable expenses for this grant?

The Council has approved up to 20% of the funding to go towards operational support for the administering organization. The remaining 80% must be directed towards re-granting to local arts organizations. Please refer to the guidelines for a list of items that the CAC does not fund.

Is this grant request considered as part of my total operating revenue (TOR) maximum request for the next or current grant cycle?

No, these funds are exempt from this requirement.

Who will receive notifications about my grant?

Notices are sent to the primary and secondary contacts listed in the organizational profile. Contact information may be updated at any time, but primary contact changes will need to be approved and processed by CAC staff. You may still submit your application with a pending contact change in place. *Please reach out to CAC staff for any questions regarding contact changes.*

Is a match required?

No. There is not a match requirement for this grant program.

Will a budget be required?

No. We will not require DataArts or an organizational budget. A final project budget will be required as part of the final report. All funds will need to be tracked separately from the 19-20 SLP and POL Award.

Will there be a final report?

All grantees are required to submit a final report no later than 30 days after the end of the grant activity period. The final report is due by February 28, 2021. If the grant is completed before the close of the grant activity period, you may submit an early report.

What percentage of the disbursement will I receive?

These funds will be distributed at 100% at the start of the grant activity period. The SLP award will be distributed on a 50-40-10 schedule. For further guidance, please contact your program specialist.

Why are we being required to use the CAC's Decision Support Tool?

As part of the application process, we are asking all participating SLPs to utilize the CAC Decision Support Tool to ensure that regranteeing efforts focus support communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Further guidance on how to utilize the tool will be provided at the time of application. SLPs are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Tool, found on page 37 of the CAC's Strategic Framework: <http://arts.ca.gov/aboutus/strategicframework.php>.

What if I am unable to complete the proposal on time due to extenuating circumstances. Will you allow for extensions?

At this time, we are unable to accept incomplete proposals or proposals submitted past the deadline. To be considered for this program, we must receive the complete proposal by *the deadline date*. We will not consider any incomplete or draft proposals for funding. Technical Assistance will be provided Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm. We recommend scheduling an appointment using Calendly: <https://calendly.com/maya-austin/cac-cares-grant-consultation?month=2020-06>