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The Arts for Illinois Relief Fund provides financial relief to workers and organizations in the creative industries impacted by COVID -19.

Contributions like yours, from foundations, public funding sources, and individuals, are ensuring that the creative energies, talents, and passions of Illinois' arts community remain strong through this crisis.

Since its launch on April 1, 2020, the Arts for Illinois Relief Fund has awarded nearly \$7 million to 2,493 artists and 269 organizations around the state.

The fund has centered racial equity throughout, awarding 63% of individual grants to artists of color and 35% of grants to organizations to those by, for, and about people of color.

The Arts for Illinois Relief Fund is a public/private partnership between the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, the broader philanthropic community, and the residents of Illinois. It is administered by Arts Alliance Illinois in partnership with 3Arts and Arts Works Fund, and overseen by a statewide, 27-member Steering Committee.



Update: Round 1

Due to the high volume of applications, grants are being awarded in cycles.

Round 1 (April/May 2020)

7,951 artists applied, and the fund
awarded 906 grants of \$1500/each, totaling
\$1,359,000.

534 organizations applied, and the fund
awarded 166 grants totaling \$2,006,000. Grants
ranged in size from \$4,000 – \$30,000.



Update: Round 2

The application portal was reopened in Round 2. New applications were submitted by 1,058 individual artists and 153 organizations. They were considered alongside applications rolled over from Round 1.

Round 2 (May/June 2020)

9,009 applications from individuals were in the pool. Grants of \$1500/each were awarded to 554 artists, totaling \$831,000.

335 applications from organizations were reviewed, and the fund awarded 67 grants totaling \$892,000. Grants ranged in size from \$4,000 – \$30,000.

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Update: Round 3

In July, the fund initiated a third round of grants to individual artists drawing from the existing application pool. To provide relief to as many individual artists who previously applied as possible, the fund did not accept additional applications from individuals for Round 3.

To further provide relief to cultural organizations across Illinois, a limited number of grants were awarded in partnership with seven local community foundations to arts organizations located outside the seven-county Chicago metropolitan region. The community foundations raised funds locally, which were combined with a 50% match from AIRF.

Round 3 (July/August 2020)

7,549 applications from individuals were in the pool. Grants of \$1500/each were awarded to 1,033 artists, totaling \$1,549,500.

47 applications from organizations were reviewed, and the fund awarded 36 grants totaling \$271,950. Grants ranged in size from \$1,600 – \$20,000 .



Grantee Demographics

Combined Rounds 1-3

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INDIVIDUAL GRANTEES

For privacy reasons, the list of individual artist grantees is not publicly available.

Geography*

69.4 % City of Chicago
21.7% 7-county metro area (not Chicago)
8.9% outside 7-county metro area

Race

28.3% African American or Black
0.3% American Indian or Alaska Native or Indigenous or First Nations
1.4% Arab or Middle Eastern
7.1% Asian or Asian American
13.8% Hispanic or Latina/Latino/Latinx
11.3% Mixed Race
0.4% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
1.4% Prefer to self-identify (multiple & varied answers)
35.9% White or European American

Gender

44% Female - identified (all types)
5.1% Male - identified (all types)
5.1% All others (trans, non-binary, gender fluid, prefer not to say)

Ability

12% Disability identified

* [Click here for a map of all AIRF grantees to date](#)

ORGANIZATION GRANTEES

Visit the Arts Work Fund [website](#) for a list of organizational grantees.

Geography*

69% City of Chicago
11% 7-county metro area (not Chicago)
20% outside 7-county metro area

Organizations run by and serving:

35% People of Color
3% People with disabilities
1% LGBTQ people
2% Women

Organizations run by and serving POC (in detail):

40% African American or Black
3% American Indian or Alaskan Native
3% Arab or Middle Eastern
9% Asian or Asian American/Pacific Islander
20% Latinx
26% Multi-racial

Budget Sizes

11% under \$30,000
2.1% between \$30,000 - \$100,000
45% between \$100,000 - \$500,000
7% between \$500,000 - \$800,000
10% between \$800,000 - \$1.5 million
6% above \$1.5 million



Round 4

Round 4 (October/November 2020)

The Arts for Illinois Relief Fund is pleased to support the City of Chicago's **Performing Arts Venue Relief Program**. Performing arts venues are among the hardest hit by the pandemic. They have ongoing facilities expenses but continue to experience major income losses due to the necessary restrictions on gatherings in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This program is intended to support for-profit and non-profit venues that have suffered an earned income loss of more than 75% due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be eligible to apply for a Performing Arts Venue Relief Program grant, organizations must be located in the city of Chicago, have a primary mission/purpose to produce or present performing arts programming, and own or lease year-round a venue or club, among other criteria.

For detailed eligibility criteria and to apply, [click here](#).



What's next?

We are grateful to the philanthropic community who have stepped up to show their support for Illinois' creative sector. With your help, we have been able to provide relief to thousands of individuals and organizations. At the same time, we recognize that there is still a long way to go to address the enormous need created by the COVID19 crisis.

Following Round 4, the team will continue to assess the challenges facing the field due to the ongoing crisis, and determine how the infrastructure behind the Arts for Illinois Relief Fund can be utilized to best support the most urgent and unmet needs. More information about the future of the fund will be forthcoming.



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