

LA ARTS  
RECOVERY  
FUND

*February 17, 2021*

# Agenda

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# FUND OVERVIEW

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The LA Arts Recovery Fund pools contributions from more than a dozen funders to provide multi-year operating support for small and medium-sized arts organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic — those with smaller budgets that play vital roles in their communities.

ELIGIBILITY

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# WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Nonprofit arts and culture organizations that have been affected by COVID-19 are eligible to apply if they meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application:
- Be a 501(c)(3) and/or fiscally sponsored organization.
- Be located in and serving Los Angeles County. Projects performed or exhibited outside of Los Angeles County are not eligible for funding.
- Have principal offices in Los Angeles County.
- Have a primary mission to provide arts and culture programming. Not to include living collections, such as botanical gardens, zoos and art service organizations.
- Have staffing to support the management and execution of the funds.
- Have a history of at least three (3) full and consecutive years of arts programming in LA County.
- Have an annual operating budget of \$10 million and under prior to March 1, 2020.
- Have a Board of Directors and/or Advisory Council.

# WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Organizations whose primary mission is to raise funds.
- Educational institutions that lead to a degree or diploma, including but not limited to private or public schools or scholarship programs, colleges, and universities. This includes departments and programs therein, except for arts organizations that possess independent 501(c)(3) status.
- Municipal or County government agencies and departments.
- Organizations whose primary mission is not arts related (i.e., social service, religious, education, botanical gardens, zoos or health organizations), as demonstrated by more than 75% of the applicant organization's budget not devoted to arts programming.
- Individual artists.
- Arts service organizations.

# SELECTION CRITERIA

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- **ARTISTIC IMPACT**, including but not limited to:
  - Plays a vital role in communities served through arts and culture programming.
  - Engages and supports authentic creative voices in programming, such as employing local artists, and/or engaging with individuals/groups significant to the art form or cultural expression.
  - Represents a valuable and integral dimension (i.e., cultural, economic, educational, historic and/or social) of the LA arts ecosystem.
  
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**, including but not limited to:
  - Demonstrates that the organization is rooted in, reflective of and/or responsive to the identified community or communities benefiting from its work.

- **DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL EXPRESSION**, including but not limited to:
  - Has significantly contributed to the cultural life in LA County.
  - Stewards and sustains a cultural tradition rooted in a community of color.
  - Reflects the cultural heritage and creativity of communities that have been historically underfunded.
  - Demonstrates a solid commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) practices.
  - Staff, Board and independent contractors reflect Black, Latinx, Asian and/or Indigenous communities.
  
- **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP & VISION**, including but not limited to:
  - Demonstrates responsiveness to current challenges (i.e., managing, adapting and/or creating new operations and programming to keep the organization stable.)
  - Describes a vision of how the organization could adapt and thrive in the future.
  
- **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**, including but not limited to:
  - Demonstrates financial impact of COVID-19 on programming and services.

# REVIEW PROCESS

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An independent and diverse peer review panel will advise the representatives of the LA Arts Fund. The panel will be made up of multi-disciplinary leaders with:

- In-depth knowledge of the LA nonprofit arts and culture sector,
- Understanding of the purpose of the Fund, and
- Experience reviewing grant applications.

TIMELINE



- February 9, 2021 at 8 pm PST – Request for Applications Opens
- March 2, 2021 at 5 pm PST – Request for Applications Closes
- Week of May 3, 2021\* – Applicants Informed

\* Timing subject to change

# ONLINE PORTAL

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Q & A

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# Information

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