

**The ArtsWestchester Artist Relief Fund
Information for Individual Artists**

We believe that artists and creatives are at the heart of Westchester's cultural community. Their work sustains creative projects and fuels our cities and towns with vibrancy. We know that with the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and implementation of the social restriction measures to contain the spread of the virus, artists in all disciplines have lost critical opportunities to earn income and support their well-being. With this in mind, ArtsWestchester has issued a call to action, seeking donations from our community towards an Artist Relief grant. While we cannot forecast the total amount of fund, we will continue collecting donations indefinitely and distributing grants to artists as contributions come in. The number of artists we can support is directly dependent on how much funding is raised. Artists can help this effort, by sharing the GoFundMe campaign on their social platforms.

ArtsWestchester will award grants of \$500 to individual Westchester artists whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

Applications will be accepted beginning on May 1, 2020, on a rolling basis. Submissions will be reviewed by ArtsWestchester Staff and the Grants Committee of ArtsWestchester's Board of Directors.

Eligibility:

These funds are available for individual professional artists who live or maintain a studio in Westchester County. Artists must be at least 18 years old and be able to demonstrate a realized loss or anticipated loss of income due to COVID-19. Applicants will be required to submit a completed W9.

ArtsWestchester teaching artists, past grantees, and artists who have received public art commissions through ArtsWestchester are all eligible to apply.

Artists will be required to supply proof of residence, or proof of studio space in Westchester, along with a W9.

Artist Relief Fund awards are a one-time grant. Artists who receive a grant through this program may not apply for additional funding. If more funds are made available, ArtsWestchester may reopen the application to past awardees.

Application Materials:

Artist Name
Email address
Phone Number
Website

Artistic discipline [*Visual Arts, Literary, Music, Dance, Performance, Other*]

Address (street address, apt #, city, state, zip)

W9 [UPLOAD]

Description of losses along with documentation in the form of signed contracts, email confirmations, letters of agreement or materials describing the confirmed date of activity and fee to be paid. If you have received medical treatment or been hospitalized due to COVID-19, please provide dates of treatment and relevant support documents.

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Approximately what percentage of your monthly income comes from your work as an artist?

[Fill in the blank]

Demonstration of artistic activity over the last 3 years. This can be in the form of a CV/resume, link to website, copies of press or recent grant awards.

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Proof of residency. Upload a state-issued ID, or contract for studio space rental.

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