

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Guidelines

The City of Wilmington recognizes that the nonprofit arts industry is an important sector of Wilmington's economy. The Arts Council of Wilmington/New Hanover County will award American Recovery Plan funds to nonprofit arts organizations in Wilmington, NC to help these entities and their employees endure the economic hardships caused by COVID-19 and its variants. Grants will be one-time emergency relief payments. American Recovery Plan funds cannot reimburse any expenses already paid for by other federal relief funds such as PPP loans and other local, state, and federal relief programs.

Priority will be given to organizations that serve populations that are traditionally underserved, such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by disability, economics, ethnicity, or geography.

The application period is October 1 – October 31, 2021.

Funds are to be used solely for these purposes:

1. Salary support, full or partial, for one or more positions that are critical to an organization's artistic mission
2. Fees for artists and/or contractual personnel

ELIGIBILITY

Incorporated nonprofit organizations that meet the following requirements:

- Based in Wilmington with the majority of arts programming, services or activities taking place in the City of Wilmington.
- Have a mission that describes the arts as the primary purpose of the organization
- Show an annual total revenue of at least \$10,000 in your organization's most recently completed fiscal year (based on your most recent IRS 990 form)
- May not apply using a fiscal agent
- Must not be a K-12 school, religious organization, individual, college/community college/university, auxiliary support organization (i.e. Friends of XYZ), federal or state agency/division/department

HOW TO APPLY

A digital copy of the application and all attachments must be emailed to info@artswilmington.org by October 31, 2021 with the subject line **ARP 2021-2022**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

FINAL REPORT

If granted, you must provide a final report, including financial documentation of expenditures, by April 30, 2022.

For more information, contact Rhonda Bellamy, executive director, at 910-343-0998 or by email at info@artswilmington.org.