

Arts Council Grants, Maryland State Arts Council, Department of Commerce
\$5.0 Million (T00G00.05)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Council shall provide emergency art grants to artists, art districts, and art organizations. Organizations that have not received prior funding from the Council or that do not qualify for funding under other Council programs will receive priority.

Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- MSAC received 1,000 grant application submissions by the April 1 deadline. Six applications were found to be ineligible during the initial review.
- 994 eligible applications are currently being reviewed with requests totaling \$9,341,845 (breakdown below).
 - Legislative Priority: 38 arts organizations who have not received prior MSAC funding totaling requests for \$1,011,301.
 - Independent Artists: 792 applications totaling requests for \$2,376,000 (3K per grant).
 - Other Arts Organizations who have received past MSAC support: 164 applications totaling requests for \$5,954,544.
- Staff review of submitted applications began on March 24, 2021.
- Internal reviews are expected to be complete by April 16, 2021.

Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- None to report.

Distribution of Funds (example - if data are available, anticipate using as of 3.5.21 in 1st report, due 3.10.21):

- MSAC plans to begin distributing funds in early May.