

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.

April 7 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- The grant application deadline was April 1, 202, at 5 pm.
- MSAC received 1,000 grant application submissions by the deadline.
 - 218 organizations applied, with a total of \$7.6 million in funding requests.
 - 782 independent artists (\$3,000 grants per artist) applied, with an approximate total of \$2.3 million in funding requests.
- Staff review of submitted applications began on March 24, 2021, prioritizing review of independent artists.
- Internal reviews are expected to be complete by April 16, 2021.

April 7 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- None to report.

April 7 - Distribution of Funds:

- MSAC plans to begin distributing funds in early May.