MUSICIAN EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT

ABOUT THE GRANT PROGRAM
This grant is designed to assist musicians with loss of income from the ongoing COVID-19 crisis as described below:

- Recouping financial loss due to
  - Canceled Events: including performances, teaching gigs, and festival/fairs

This is a $500 one-time grant. Grant funds will be unrestricted and may be used for any of the recipient’s most pressing needs. Examples include: rent, food and basic supplies, medical expenses, or materials for performing, etc. We ask that musicians who are able to meet their basic needs refrain from applying.

Studies have shown disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on communities of color, therefore, 50% of the total funding for the Musician Emergency Relief Grant program is specifically reserved to support musicians who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or persons of color.

This is a program of the Greater Hartford Arts Council, made possible by Keith and Catherine Stevenson, Basileus Music and the Diamond family, and generous supporters of the Arts Council.

Application Link: https://forms.gle/7Vhc9227ejRozwGB7

DEADLINES AND NOTIFICATION DATES

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ELIGIBILITY
This grant program is for musicians who are struggling to have their basic needs met (shelter, food, and medical) due to loss of artistic income from COVID-19. If you have alternate sources of income, a financial safety net, or are able to meet your most basic needs, we ask that you refrain from applying so that we may serve those who are most vulnerable.

Additionally, you must meet the following criteria to apply:

- Are a professional, working musician whose primary source of income is generated by the performance of their art.
  - For the purposes of this grant, the definition of a professional, working musician is as follows: individuals who devote a significant portion of their time to the creation of personal artwork. The professional musician is likely paid for performances, sales of their own recorded music, or teaching the art of music to students in group or private lessons on a regular bases. They may work independently or perform with groups or orchestras. Professional DJs are eligible to apply.
• Be an individual who resides within the Greater Hartford Arts Council’s service area (see map below)
• Be 18 years or older
• Recipients of the first two rounds of Artist Relief Grants, distributed in August and December of 2020, are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to those who did not receive funding during these two previous rounds of grants.

REVIEW CRITERIA
Grant recipients will be selected at random from the pool of eligible applicants. As noted above, 50% of the total funds available is specifically reserved for artists who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or persons of color.

The Greater Hartford Arts Council reserves the right to request additional information from applicants.

GRANT CONDITIONS
The Grantee receives 100% of the grant amount by check within 3 weeks of award notification. Award may be considered taxable income, we cannot provide this information only a tax professional can.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Questions? Contact us at Grants@letsgoarts.org

SERVICE AREA MAP