

THRIVE: Additional Project Funds Release, April 2020

Metro Arts is announcing additional THRIVE funds to support artists and communities in Nashville & Davidson County. Metro Arts will reallocate up to \$40,000 in unobligated operational funds for additional artist-driven, community projects.

Metro Arts is seeking project proposals for unique, artistic responses to the circumstances impacting communities due to the March 3, 2020 tornado and the spread of the COVID-19 virus. [All proposed projects should adhere to social distancing and disease prevention recommendations.](#) Projects should be designed to uplift, connect and support the Nashville community during this unprecedented time.

Projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Online/streaming creative content
- Remote curriculum/art classes
- Visual art
- Videos
- Interactive workshops
- Performances
- Arts-based activities
- Public art or public space activations (that do not require human to human contact)

Eligibility

For the purposes of this fund, artists are defined as individuals or a group of artists who practice in the unique creation and public display or performance of visual arts, craft, sound and performance art, film and television, theatre, dance, music, or literary arts and can demonstrate at least two years of exhibition, performance or professional artistic history.

- Must be an artist(s) (see definition above) living or working in Davidson County.
- Must provide: proof of address (personal residency or creative business location) in Nashville (utility bill, driver's license, etc.).

Selection Priorities

Metro Arts will prioritize lower income artists, artists who have not already been funded through FY20 THRIVE Funding, artists from groups not traditionally represented in arts funding, and artists serving communities not traditionally served by arts organizations. Under-represented populations or communities may include: seniors, people of color, people with disabilities, refugees + immigrants, low-income households, LGBTQI individuals, and neighborhoods with limited arts access or those more directly impacted by the March 3 tornado or COVID-19.

Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed by a staff panel. Selection criteria will be based upon need and potential for professional artistic content and community impact. Proposals and funding decisions will be made on a bi-weekly basis until funds are expended.

Projects are funded at the discretion of Metro Arts. Not all proposals will be funded. The funding decisions of Metro Arts are final. Projects may not be fully funded at 100%. Projects may be partially funded.

Deadlines

Rolling deadlines until funds are expended.

Funding Amounts

Artists or artist teams may apply for funding in the following amounts:

\$500 to \$2,500

Payment Process

Selected artists may invoice immediately for 80% of project funds. The remaining 20% may be invoiced once proof of content delivery has been provided to Metro Arts.

Funding Scope and Restrictions

Project funds are meant to support community resiliency and sustainability. Project funds may not be used for capital improvements or equipment purchases, reduction of debts, food or beverage, activities or programs with religious content, political lobbying activities, fundraising events, purchase of property, performance space/facility rental, marketing and promotion or durable program/project supplies.

Artistic content must be original content. Content may not be sold or admission charged. No funding will be considered for projects that are not in compliance with federal, state, and local requirements during COVID, for as long as COVID measures are in place.

All funds and projects, other than changes specifically notated in this document, will follow [FY20 THRIVE Guidelines](#).

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