



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
MIAMI-DADE ARTIST SUPPORT!
GRANTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES
CARES Act Coronavirus (COVID-19) Relief Fund**

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For more information, visit the online Miami-Dade Arts Support Action Center at miamidadearts.org/miami-dade-arts-support-action-center-cares-act-coronavirus-relief-fund.

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Artists have lost income as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to cancelled performances, exhibitions, commissions, teaching jobs, workshops, speaking opportunities, etc. The Miami-Dade Artist Support! (MÁS!) Grants Program funds are unrestricted and may be used by artists to help with financial issues being faced as a result of the impact of this pandemic, such as rent, utilities, medical costs, insurance, food, etc. MAS! is designed to help individual artists, artist-entrepreneurs, creatives and cultural “gig” workers survive the impact of COVID-19 and in recognition of the contributions of Miami-Dade’s outstanding artists to the fundamental vitality and creativity of our cultural life.

ELIGIBILITY

- All professional artists residing in Miami-Dade County are eligible to apply. A professional artist is defined as a person who, over a sustained period of time, has:

1. created and presented a recognized body of original artwork (e.g., visual and media artists, composers, choreographers, playwrights, poets, theater/film directors, costume designers, etc.); **OR**
2. established a career as an interpretive artist, teaching artist, cultural “gig” worker, and/or production artist (e.g., actors, musicians, dancers, singers, curators, art handlers, stagehands, stage managers, stage technicians, dance teachers, etc.); **AND**
3. worked to achieve the highest level of professional recognition. Professional artists demonstrate a sustained commitment to their artistic work, on an ongoing basis, and pursue this work as a means of livelihood.

- Applicants must demonstrate a serious and urgent need for financial assistance to be considered for this support.

- Applicants must be over 18 years of age.

- Artists must have resided in Miami-Dade County for one year at the time of application. Proof of residency will be required.

NOT ELIGIBLE: Students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees, non-professionals who engage in the arts as a hobby, or employees of Miami-Dade County are not eligible.

GRANT AWARDS

Grants may be awarded up to \$500 and are subject to the availability of funds. Applications will be evaluated on a first come, first served basis.

CATEGORY A: Artists who are first-time applicants to the MAS! program are eligible to apply in Category A.

CATEGORY B: Artists who previously received a MAS! grant award are eligible to apply in Category B.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are being accepted online through, Submittable (it's free to register and use). If you don't have an account already, you can sign up here:

<https://manager.submittable.com/signup>.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

- Resume or CV or Bio (PDF preferred)
- Artist Bio (up to 500 Words) Text Version - OPTIONAL
- Artist Statement (up to 200 Words) - OPTIONAL
- Total Financial Impact of COVID-19 on Your Artistic Practice
- Statement of Need (up to 300 Words)
- Work Samples (3 REQUIRED)
- 3 Support Documents (OPTIONAL, up to 3)

The MAS! Application is available online in the [Miami-Dade Art Support Action Center](#).

QUESTIONS?

View frequently asked questions online in the [Miami-Dade Art Support Action Center](#) or contact MAS! Grants Administrator Roxana Barba at Roxana.Barba@miamidade.gov.

DEADLINE

Application Deadline: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM

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