GOAL
A partnership between The Denver Foundation and the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, the COVID-19 Arts & Culture Relief Fund is designed to offset lost revenue arts organizations in Metro Denver face due to the impact of COVID-19. The fund will help ensure organizations are able to maintain staff, artist engagement, and minimal operations while planning for future sustainability.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS
• 501c3 in good standing or fiscally sponsored organizations with a strong track record of programming and community service.
• Primary mission is to present arts and culture programming to the public.
• Must have demonstrated sustained cultural offerings for a minimum of two years.
• Priority will be given to organizations that engage and support diverse communities, particularly those that have been and remain financially vulnerable.
• Priority will be given to organizations that offer substantial public benefit through free/discounted admissions/ticketing, scholarships, and engagement to traditionally marginalized communities.
• Priority will be given to organizations with limited or no access to other relief funds, limited or no endowments, and/or limited or no cash reserves.

GRANT
• $5,000-$50,000

BUDGET SIZE
• Minimum $25K, maximum $15M

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS
• Seven-county Denver Metropolitan region

ALLOWABLE USE OF FUNDS
• Funds may be used for costs associated with sustaining operations, retaining employees and artists, rent, and other expenses. These should focus on new and emergency circumstances, particularly those that respond to the need for social distancing, isolation, and quarantine.
INELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

• Capital
• Endowment
• Renovations
• Reduction of accumulated debt prior to COVID-19
• Purchase of major equipment
• Regranting
• Stand-alone one-time festivals, conferences, or events
• Independent projects, films, and publications
• Programs offered as part of a larger institution (college, medical center etc.)
• Religious affiliation

APPLICATION

• Organizational Information:
  ° Contact Information
  ° Mission
  ° Date Founded
  ° IRS Determination
  ° Primary Counties Served
  ° Number of FTE’s
  ° Number of Contract Workers (including Artists)
  ° Annual Numbers Served

• Please describe the impact COVID-19 has had on your organization. Please be specific as to cancelled performances, events, closed facilities, etc. How has this affected your ability to retain staff and artists and maintain basic operations?
• How have you been able to pivot your programming to adapt to the pandemic?
• Please describe the communities you serve and how they are affected as a result of the impact to your organization detailed above.
• What is your estimated net loss of revenue from things such as ticket sales, program fees, galas, and facility rentals since closures took affect and through any planned cancellations into the summer?

• Do you have other non-recoverable expenses? Please indicate amount.
• Have you received or do you anticipate receiving relief funding through other sources? Please indicate amount.
• Please describe the level of urgency of support to do things like retain employees, pay rent/mortgages, and continue operations.
• Please explain your financial situation including:
  ° Fund balance and cash reserves
  ° Earned vs. contributed income
  ° Status of reserves, endowments, and/or restricted funds

Please attach:

• Detailed 2020 budget for your current fiscal year showing revenue projections and expenses (indicate start and end dates of FY). This should be a revised budget given current impact.