



## DENVER CARES ARTIST RESTART & RECOVERY FUND FAQ

This FAQ will supplement Denver Arts & Venues' Denver CARES Artist Restart and Recovery Fund guidelines for **creative individual artist** applicants only. This document may be updated periodically as additional questions of general interest are received and made publicly available on the Denver Arts & Venues website at [ArtsandVenues.com/cares](https://ArtsandVenues.com/cares). If you have an organization or creative business, you can apply for our CARES Arts & Culture Restart & Recovery Fund here: [ArtsandVenues.com/CaresforOrgs](https://ArtsandVenues.com/CaresforOrgs).

### **Q: What type of creative individuals/artists are eligible for this fund?**

**A:** We define the term "artist" broadly to comprise a wide variety of creative pursuits, including, but not limited to, those in the fields of design, film, music, dance, theatre, visual arts, fashion and literature.

### **Q: What are eligible expenses?**

**A:** Generally, most expenses dedicated to mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 are eligible expenses, e.g. rent, groceries, bills, personal protective equipment, etc. Numerous other expenses addressing the economic impacts of COVID-19 are eligible as well. The current federal guidelines are publicly available and accessible at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>. Please consult the federal guidelines prior to expending grant funds and confirm that any expenditure of grant funds complies with federal guidelines.

### **Q: Am I eligible for this grant if I live outside of the City and County of Denver but work as an artist in the City and County of Denver?**

**A:** Unfortunately, no. You are required to live in the City and County of Denver to apply. You will need to provide ONE proof of residency in the City and County of Denver that MUST be dated from 2021. This can include a utility bill, pay stub, rent or mortgage bill, lease, current homeowner's or renter's insurance policy, or USPS change of address form. **We cannot accept a driver's license nor an address label from miscellaneous mail or package as your documentation.**

### **Q: You ask for a copy of a W-9, will a W-2 statement work?**

**A:** Unfortunately, no. It must be your W-9. There is a [downloadable form on our website](#) you can use to fill out. Form must include your current address, social security number and signature. The address on the W-9 MUST match the address on the proof of residency document.

**Q: How do I show proof of income or loss on the PDF I need to upload?**

**A:** If necessary, you can combine multiple documents into ONE PDF. This must show a clear proof of income loss between March 2020 and July 2021 (e.g. contracts, emails, receipts, cancellation notices, etc.)

**Q: Do I really need to spend the money by December 31, 2021?**

**A:** Yes. The CARES Act requires goods be received or services performed by December 31, 2021.

**Q: What happens if I do not spend the money by December 31, 2021?**

**A:** Generally, it is anticipated that awardees will be obligated to return unutilized CARES Act funding.

**Q: How do you utilize personal information related to race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability?**

**A:** Denver Arts & Venues is committed to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) in all our programs, initiatives and decision-making processes. As an agency priority, we seek to be open and accessible to all applicants. For this reason, it is important that we ensure all communities are represented in our programs and grant opportunities. This helps us assess whether we are achieving our JEDI objectives, and informs our future outreach and engagement throughout the city. The information you provide in your application is not used for scoring purposes and is available only for internal staff. When reporting, we only share in aggregate and anonymized form. For example, we may report in summarized format: XX% of applicants identify as LGBTQIA+.