



Wisconsin Arts Rescue Program (WARP) Grant

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: Are capitol expenses (for example, Touchless Ticketing scanners that reduce contact between patrons and ushers/staff/volunteers) considered eligible expenses under Main Purpose D ("Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., PPE, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.)")?

Answer: No, capitol expenses are not eligible for WARP funding.

Q: Does the \$200,000 Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) threshold include any PPP funds received, that were "deducted" from eligible funding?

A: No, we are just looking at the dollar amount of the SVOG grant that you received.

Q: If we received PPP and EIDL aid in 2020 will that exclude us?

A: No, that will not exclude you from applying to this WARP grant.

Q: Would it be possible to apply for funds available to use to hire a Community Arts Volunteer Coordinator? (Ours is currently a volunteer-run organization.)

A: No, this grant is not intended to pay for hiring new staff.

Q: Can we apply for this grant if we have applied for the American Rescue Plan Act grant directly from the Arts Endowment?

A: Yes, you can still apply to this WARP grant.

Q: Can for profit businesses apply for this WARP grant?

A: No. While we cannot support for-profit organizations through this grant program, we do commend them to:

- the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and its resources (<https://wedc.org/focus-forward/contact/>) and to
- Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) and its resources (<https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Businesses/bdgr.aspx>)

Q: Must we have a DUNS number to apply for the grant?

A: Yes. More information about the DUNS number and how to obtain one is found here: <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>

Q: Can artists apply for this grant?

A: No, our funding source, the National Endowment for the Arts, stipulates that individual artists may not apply for these funds. However, we commend artists to:

- the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and its resources (<https://wedc.org/focus-forward/contact/>), and to
- our own Wisconsin Arts Board “COVID-19 and the Arts” resource page: <https://artsboard.wisconsin.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Update.aspx>

Q: Can you apply if your nonprofit organization’s core mission is providing arts programming to partner organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs?

A: Yes.

Q: If the organization does not have its own nonprofit status, but uses a fiscal sponsor, can it apply?

A: No.

Q: Are non-profit organizations that are a part of/unit of a higher education institution eligible?

A: Generally speaking yes, as long as there is a community advisory group that informs the programming decisions of the organization. We recommend contacting WI Arts Board staff to clarify, if this applies to you (artsboard@wisconsin.gov).

Q: What are the dates between which our costs need to be accrued in order to be eligible to include in this application? (What is the earliest date that we can start calculating our costs for this grant application, and what is the latest?)

A: You can include costs that you accrued as early as March 1, 2021 and as late as December 30, 2021.

Q: Is this a “first come first served” grant?

A: No.

Q: When will the WI Arts Board make the WARP grant decisions?

A: At its December 3, 2021 board meeting.

Q: If we receive a WARP grant, when can we expect the grant award check?

A: We anticipate working with the WI Department of Administration to get checks out by December 30, 2021.

Q: What costs can the grant funds be applied to?

A: The eligible expenses that you included in your application.

Q: Will we need to submit a final report, describing how we used these grant funds?

A: Yes.