

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – National Endowment for the Arts - ARP Grant

Background:

The American Rescue Plan Grants to Local Arts Agencies for Sub-granting program was established by the National Endowment for the Arts by funding appropriated under the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The program utilizes designated groups known as “Local Arts Agencies” by the NEA to regrant funding to small local organizations.

In the fall of 2021 Denver Arts & Venues (DAV) applied to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) “American Rescue Plan Grants to Local Arts Agencies for Sub-granting” program. In January 2022, DAV receive notification of a \$500,000 award for regranting pending approval from City Council.

Current Request:

Denver Arts & Venues is requesting City Council approval to accept and administer funding under this grant program. All sub awards must adhere to NEA conditions and program requirements.

Items of note:

DAV is developing a competitive application process for eligible entities to apply for the NEA re-grant funding. This application will undergo competitive review by a committee of Cultural Commissioners to determine awardees. Awards are expected to be up to \$25,000 per awardee.

DAV may engage the assistance of a third party to distribute awards on behalf of DAV.

This grant is directly from the NEA. Tracking, metrics, and reporting requirements will conform to NEA guidelines.

DAV will be responsible for tracking expenditures, documenting eligible expenses, and identifying awardees on the DAV website.

Cost share/matching funds are not required. Similarly, subgrants awarded as a result of this program do not require a cost share/match.

Sub-granting support by local arts agencies to eligible subgrantee organizations is limited to any or all of the following costs:

- Salary support, full or partial, for one or more staff positions.
- Facilities costs such as mortgage principal, rent, and utilities.
- Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.).
- Marketing and promotion costs.

- Rescue Plan funds may be used by an organization to support existing jobs, new jobs, or to restore jobs that were furloughed or eliminated due to the pandemic.

Grantees and sub-grantees must clearly acknowledge support from the National Endowment for the Arts in their programs and related promotional material including publications and websites. Such acknowledgement should clearly indicate that funds were provided for general operating support and should not be used to indicate support for a project that the agency has not funded. Additional acknowledgment requirements may be provided later.

Ineligible applicants, programs and expenses include but are not limited to:

- For profit organizations,
- Direct grants to individuals,
- Relief programs,
- Capital or other construction costs,
- Commercial (for profit) activities including concessions and retail,
- Travel,
- Land Purchase,
- Payment of mortgage interest, fines and penalties, bad debt costs, deficit reduction.