

Artist Application

Assembly for the Arts is distributing \$1.65 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funds to for-profit creative businesses and individual artists, who continue to experience devastating losses of revenue and jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

You are accessing the Artist application and will be applying for funds as an individual artist.

We highly recommend reading the [Cuyahoga ARPA for Arts Program Guidelines](#) on the Assembly site, before you start.

To complete your application, you will need:

- **Your total income earned through your artistic practice from each year, 2019, 2020 and 2021.** You will **not** need to upload tax forms, but will need to provide accurate income numbers rounded to whole dollar amounts in the application.
- Your **total household income and household size**
- Links to your **artist website, social media accounts or other online sources of your work as an artist.** You may also upload work samples including images and other documents.

PLEASE NOTE Click the 'Next' button each time you complete a page in your application to save your work. You may go back to edit each page once saved.

Be prepared to spend about 15 - 20 minutes to complete the application.

The Assembly for the Arts team is here to help. If you encounter a problem or require additional accessibility to complete your application, please contact [Meg Matko, Director of Community Relationships](#) for assistance.

Eligibility

* 1. Are you a practicing artist?

This program defines an artist as an independent, creative professional who derives income from creating, performing, teaching or assisting in the development of work in the disciplines of Craft, Dance, Design, Film, Media, Music, Theater & Performance, Traditional Arts, Visual Art or Writing, prior to March 1, 2020.

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 2. **Are you continuing to experience financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 3. **Are you 18 years of age or older?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 4. **Do you currently live in Cuyahoga County?** *This is defined as your full-time residence, the home address you would use to file your taxes.

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 5. **Can you provide a W9 AND a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)?** You will need to have a copy of your W-9 if you receive ARPA funding.

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 6. Do you serve in any **executive role at a nonprofit** applying for ARPA funding through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 7. Do you own or manage a **creative business applying** for Cuyahoga County ARPA funding through Assembly for the Arts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 8. **Are you a current employee of Assembly for the Arts, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC), or Cuyahoga County government?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Contact Information.

Funding is available for artists who live in Cuyahoga County. Please provide your residential address, not the address of your workplace or studio.

* 9. First Name (Legal)

* 10. Last Name (Legal)

11. Public Name (if different than your legal name)

* 12. Enter Your Contact Information; please enter your physical address if it is different than your mailing address (no P.O. boxes please).

Home Address

Apt/Suite/Unit

City

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Email Address

Phone Number

Creative Practice

This program defines an artist as an independent, creative professional who generates income from creating, performing, teaching or assisting in the development of work in the disciplines of Craft, Dance, Design, Film, Media, Music, Theater & Performance, Traditional Arts, Visual Art or Writing prior to March 1, 2020.

* 13. Please select one that most reflects your practice. We understand more than one may apply.

- ☐ **Craft** (ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, metals, textiles, etc.)
- ☐ **Dance** (dancers, choreographers, aerial, ballet, hip-hop, jazz, tap, etc.)
- ☐ **Design** (fashion, graphic, industrial, object, all forms of architecture, etc.)
- ☐ **Film** (animation, documentary, episodic, experimental, narrative, etc.)
- ☐ **Media** (work at the intersection of technology, aesthetics, storytelling, and digital cultures, etc.)
- ☐ **Music** (composers, musicians; classical, contemporary, experimental, folk, instrumental, jazz, pop, world, etc.)
- ☐ **Theater & Performance** (directing, experimental, live action, playwriting, puppetry, tactical and site performance, etc.)
- ☐ **Traditional Arts** (work related to the continuity and evolution of a tradition and/or cultural heritage such as cultural dance, cultural music, oral expression, and traditional crafts, etc.)
- ☐ **Visual Art** (installation, painting, performance art, photography, sculpture, sound art, video, etc.)
- ☐ **Writing** (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, literature for children, criticism, graphic novels, journalism, arts writing, etc.)

* 14. How have you been actively pursuing your creative practice? Check all that apply.

- ☐ My work, or work that I was directly involved in creating, has been presented, exhibited, performed, published or otherwise made publicly available prior to April 1, 2022.
- ☐ I have contributed my creative skills to works presented by others.
- ☐ I have been interviewed or had my work reviewed in a publication.
- ☐ I have given an artist talk.
- ☐ I have taught in my discipline.
- ☐ I have served on a review panel.
- ☐ I have completed a residency program.
- ☐ I have received a grant for my art or creative practice.
- ☐ I have been otherwise recognized for my art or creative practice through honors or awards.
- ☐ None of the above apply to my discipline
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 15. How much money have you made from your creative practice over the past three (3) years? This is defined as any income you received from activities related to your art practice, including artist fees, commissions, speaker fees, work sold, performance payments, etc.

Please enter for each year in whole numbers only, rounded to the nearest dollar. Do not include commas or decimals in your numbers

2019	<div></div>
2020	<div></div>
2021	<div></div>

* 16. Did you receive CARES funding through Arts Cleveland's program in 2020?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Creative Work Samples

* 17. Please provide evidence of your work as an artist.

In the boxes below, include up to five (5) links to your website, social media, press kit, articles, or any other online examples that illustrate your artistic career. All work samples provided in the following section must indicate artistic work you have created in the last five (5) years.

If you do not have any information online, please enter "N/A" and upload an example in the next question. You may include both links and document uploads if you choose.

If you're unable to provide documentation in either way please, enter "N/A" in the boxes below and [contact Assembly for the Arts by email](#) for further instructions. You can complete the rest of your application while you wait for a response.

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18. Please upload an example from your portfolio or any example of your work as an artist.

These can be images of your work, performance fliers, event photos, in-progress works, literature excerpts, etc.

Household and Income

* 19. **What is your household size?** This includes all people in your family living in the same home. Please review the [Census Bureau definition of household size](#), if you are unsure.

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☐ 2

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☐ If more than 8, please enter your household size here:

* 20. **What was your total household income in 2021?**

Household income is defined as **total gross income before taxes**, received within a 12-month period by all members of a household 15 years of age and older.

Income includes —but is not limited to—wages, salary, self-employment earnings; Social Security, pension, and other retirement income; investment income; welfare payments and income from other sources. [Please see the Census Bureau definition for full information.](#)

Enter your income in whole dollars only, do not include commas or decimal points.

21. Please check all of the following statements that are applicable to you:

- ☐ I am worried or concerned that in the next two months I may not have stable housing that I own, rent, or stay in as a part of a household.
- ☐ Within the past 12 months, I was worried that my food would run out before I got money to buy more.
- ☐ I have not been able to travel to work or acquire household or medical essentials because of distance and/or because I lack access to transportation.
- ☐ In the past 12 months I have had the electric, gas, oil, or water company threaten to shut off or actually shut off services in my home.
- ☐ Problems getting child care make it difficult for me to work or study.
- ☐ I do not currently have a job.
- ☐ I often or sometimes worry that I don't have enough money to pay my bills.
- ☐ I have experienced discrimination due to my race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age and/or disability.
- ☐ My neighborhood has a high rate of violence, unsafe air or water, and/or other health and safety risks.
- ☐ I have been unable to seek medical care due to a lack of health insurance.

* 22. In summary, briefly describe how you as an artist have been and continue to be affected by the pandemic, including lost work and wages, reduced opportunities, business closures, etc.

Agree and Submit

* 23. By filling in this application I understand and agree that my answers will be accessible only to Assembly for the Arts staff. Information may be aggregated to inform future programming and/or report to Cuyahoga County on the use of ARPA funds. Applicant and recipient names will not be made publicly available without your permission (please see next question to indicate your preference). View more information about Assembly for the Arts's [privacy policy](#) on our website.

☐ I agree to these terms and conditions.

* 24. If you are granted funds through this program, do you give Assembly for the Arts permission to share your name publicly as a recipient of this ARPA funding?

☐ Yes, I give my permission for my name to be released publicly.

☐ No, I do NOT give permission for my name to be released publicly.

* 25. By initialing below, I certify that the information I've provided in this application is true, complete and correct.

* 26. By initialing below, I certify that, if requested, I will provide receipts to indicate how my ARPA funds were spent.