

Kentuckians for the Arts NEWSLETTER

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Kentuckians for the Arts (KFTA) is an arts centered organization formed for the purpose of providing advocacy for all arts endeavors across Kentucky. Our vision is to advance a creative Commonwealth and our mission is to promote the value of the arts and arts education for all throughout Kentucky.

KFTA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions such as annual dues and donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

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Applications for State COVID Relief Funding Begin August 1

If your nonprofit arts organization saw revenue decreases between 2020 and 2021, you can begin applying for COVID relief funding from the state on August 1.

Earlier this year, the Kentucky legislature allocated \$75 million in relief funding for Kentucky nonprofits impacted by the COVID pandemic. The Public Protection Cabinet, which will administer the Team Kentucky Nonprofit Assistance Fund, recently announced program guidelines and the location of the online application portal teamkynonprofitfund.ky.gov.

Arts organizations are eligible if they are registered with the IRS as a 501(c) 3 organization (nonprofit) and if they have a physical location in Kentucky and serve Kentuckians. The program will fund an organization for the net revenue difference between calendar year 2020 and 2021 up to \$100,000. If your organization files taxes based on calendar year, you can submit IRS 990 forms to show revenue. Organizations that file on fiscal year must submit profit and loss statements for the years.

Organizations that did not receive previous direct federal aid will be given priority. According to the program's Frequently Asked Questions sheet, Shuttered Venue Operators Grants and Provider Relief Funds administered directly by federal agencies (SBA and HHS) **are** considered direct aid, but PPP loans and funding received through state or local agencies or entities **are not** considered direct federal aid.

Even if an organization received previous aid, they should still apply since funds may still be available after applicants who were previously unfunded are processed.

The application portal will open at 9 a.m. ET on August 1 and close at 4:30 pm ET on October 1. While applications of previously funded organizations will be not reviewed until after October 1, the cabinet recommends that all organizations apply as soon as possible since funding will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. According to the cabinet, organizations may begin receiving funding as early as late August.

[Guidelines](#) and the [FAQ](#) document are available at the application portal, along with other helpful forms. Organizations needing additional assistance can contact the cabinet at kynonprofitfund.help@ky.gov.

A special thank you to our Foundational/ Curator Level members:

Ms. Margaret & Mr. Jeffery Jamner

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To become a member of KFTA visit [our website](#).

So you can SAY...
“I support Kentucky Arts”

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KFTA's unique Smile link:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-1557982>

Kroger signup:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com> and log into your Kroger account, then search for Kentuckians for the Arts by name or use the number MR920.

House Passes Federal Arts Funding

On July 20, the U.S. House passed the FY '23 Interior Appropriations bill with increased funding of \$207 million each for the NEA and NEH, and full funding for the Smithsonian Institution as part of a 6-bill minibuss funding package. All weakening amendments, including the ones offered by Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-WI) attempting to cut arts funding, were defeated “en bloc” by a vote of 230 no’s to 197 aye’s. Ky. Rep. John Yarmuth was one of those voting down the amendments; Ky.’s other representatives voted for the weakening amendments. The bill now goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Americans for the Arts’ Arts Action Center has an [online form](#) through which you can encourage Sen. McConnell and Sen. Paul to support matching the House-approved FY '23 funding levels for the NEA and NEH at \$207 million each.

Upcoming Deadlines

- **Kentucky Crafted:** Through August 15, Kentucky visual and craft artists can apply to be part of the Kentucky Crafted program. More info at the [Kentucky Arts Council website](#).
- **KDE Teachers Advisory Council:** The Kentucky Department of Education is taking applications through August 31 for nine vacancies on the Teachers Advisory Council. Apply at the [KDE website](#).

New Arts+Social Impact Tool Available

Wondering how the arts impact community development? Health and wellness? Lifelong learning? Americans for the Arts has created an online Arts+Social Impact Explorer with extensive information and resource links for 29 categories of impact. Check it out at the [AFTA website](#).



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BRAVO! Kentuckians Garner National Recognition in Poetry, Music

Ida Limon Named U.S. Poet Laureate

"Poetry is a way of to remember our relationship with the natural world is reciprocal," says Ida Limon. "It's having a place to breathe and having a place to pay attention." Limon, recently named U.S. Poet Laureate, is a California resident but has lived in Lexington, KY, for 11 years.

"I feel very lucky that Kentucky will be my home base for this," Limon told *Southern Living*. "Because I think it's important to remember that the literary legacy of the United States is not just bicoastal. The United States has a rich history of literary accomplishment throughout each state, and I'm proud to represent Kentucky in that way."

Teddy Abrams Named Conductor of the Year

Musical America recently named Teddy Abrams, Music Director of the Louisville Orchestra, as 2022 Conductor of the Year. Abrams is in his eighth year in Louisville and was lauded for building the connection between the orchestra and the community.



KFTA Executive Director Phil Shepherd gave presentations about arts advocacy at Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts In June and July. GSA hosted its largest class ever – 512 students from across the state – in two sessions.