

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.

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ARPA Funding Updates

Guidance Expected by August 1 for Legislative Funding

The Kentucky legislature allocated \$75 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds in House Bill 1 to help Kentucky nonprofit organizations recover from revenue losses caused by the pandemic. Grants of up to \$100,000 per organization will be available, with the grant amount not to exceed the net negative revenue difference between the organization's calendar year 2020 and calendar year 2021 financial statements.

The Public Protection Cabinet, which will administer the funding, expects guidance on how to apply to be published by August 1. Applications will be made through an online portal.

Regarding the bill language — which refers to net negative revenue difference as measured between 2020 and 2021 (as opposed to the more salient measure of the difference from 2019 to 2020 — the Cabinet says it believes it can work with and around that standard to achieve legislative intent while getting adequate funding out to organizations.

Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, so your organization will want to be prepared to apply as soon as possible after the portal opens. That means now is the time to get ready to apply for this significant funding by gathering information that might be needed for the application, such as financial statements for both the period of 2020 to 2021 and 2019 to 2020 and information about any previous relief funding and/or loans received. (While nonprofits that had not received direct relief funding from prior programs will be given preference, organizations that have received previous funding are still eligible.)

And What About Local ARPA Funding?

Counties and cities in Kentucky are directly receiving millions of dollars in ARPA funding. The use of this funding is very flexible, and arts organizations and arts businesses are eligible, so now is the time to start the conversation with your local officials.

If you missed the May 10 KFTA Webinar with Pam Thomas of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, you can [watch it](#) online. Thomas offers information on how arts organizations and businesses can make the case for funding.

And here's a [crowd-sourced tracker](#) of how communities in the U.S. are using these funds to support the arts.

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National Legislation Update

- The U.S. House has passed the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The bill includes a first-ever inclusion of “creative economy” among its programmatic direction. It now goes to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Find out more about the bill [here](#).
- In late April Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) introduced the Equity Through the Arts and Humanities Act (H.R. 7627). The legislation would create a grant program through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for nonprofit and public entities, including faith-based and community organizations, that serve and are led by people of color. More specifically, the program would support arts and humanities projects that work to dismantle systemic racism through the arts and humanities. Find out more about the bill at [Lee's website](#). Here's an online form for organizations to [endorse the bill](#).

Arts Education Updates

- Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts will welcome its largest class in program history this summer. 512 talented high school artists from across the state will spend three weeks at the University of Kentucky in two sessions in June and July. KFTA is doing a presentation on advocacy at GSA. View a [list of this year's participants and alternates](#) at the Kentucky Performing Arts website.
- A group of teachers from Eastern Kentucky schools will create project-based curriculum this summer at “Root Deep, Grow Tall: Celebrating heritage and changing lives one story at a time.” The project is jointly sponsored by the Morehead University Writing Project and Hindman Settlement School and is supported by a grant from the NEA. More info at the [Morehead Writing Project website](#).

Museums Offer Free Admission to Military

As part of the Blue Star Museums program, museums across the United States will offer free admission to active-duty military and their families, including National Guard and Reserve through Labor Day. The program is a partnership between the NEA and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense. Participating Kentucky Museums include the Kentucky Military History museum, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, and the Historic Museums of Hopkinsville and Christian County. Here's a [map showing all U.S. participating museums](#).

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BRAVO! to Recent Kentucky Arts Award Winners and Grant Recipients

- Crystal Gregory, associate professor in the University of Kentucky College of Fine Arts' School of Art and Visual Studies (SA/VS), has been named one of nine State Fellows by South Arts, a nonprofit regional arts organization. Gregory's work is focused on sculptural work using textiles and other materials. [More info.](#)
- Arts consultant and educator Judy Sizemore recently received the East Kentucky Leadership Award. She is also a member of the KFTA Board of Directors. [More info.](#)
- Nine Kentucky arts organizations have received a total of \$1,167,470 in grants from the National Endowment for the Arts in its second grant announcement of fiscal year 2022. Recipients are the Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington, Inc. (aka The Center), My Nose Turns Red Theatre Company of Covington, Art Center of the Bluegrass Inc. of Danville, Pioneer School of Drama (aka Pioneer Playhouse) of Danville, the Kentucky Arts Council, Allegro Dance Project, Inc. of Lexington, Lexington Philharmonic Society Inc. (aka LexPhil), University of Kentucky Research Foundation, and Louisville Central Community Center, Inc. (aka LCCC). More than \$91 million in funding was granted nationally. [More info.](#)

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

- June 15 is the deadline for applications for fall consultancies from the Kentucky Arts Council's Kentucky Peer Advisory Network. KPAN is open to all arts organizations, community groups and eligible individual artists interested in arts-related technical assistance. More info at the [KAC website.](#)
- Grants for Arts Projects is the principal grant category of the National Endowment for the Arts. Matching grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The next deadline for organizations wishing to apply is July 2. [More info at arts.gov.](#)
- Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Through Our Town, the NEA supports projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities. Matching grants in this category range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, and the next deadline is August 4. More info at [arts.gov.](#)