

## **2022 Seattle ARTS Recovery Fund FAQ**

The City of Seattle's Office of Arts & Culture and [4Culture](#) have partnered to create a single application process for several grantmaking programs in King County and the City of Seattle.

Here are answers to some commonly answered questions about these opportunities:

### **FAQ**

#### **1) What are the eligibility requirements for each of these funding opportunities?**

City of Seattle's **Office of Arts & Culture Recovery Fund** awards will be made to Seattle-based arts and cultural organizations with a pre-pandemic budget size of \$1 million or below that demonstrate reductions in revenue from 2019 to 2020 due to COVID-19.

**4Culture Recovery Fund** awards will be made to King County cultural organizations with a pre-pandemic budget size of \$1 million or below that demonstrate reductions from 2019 to 2020 in revenue due to COVID-19.

4Culture's modified 2022 **Sustained Support** awards will provide unrestricted support to organizations of all sizes in King County that have a track record of delivering cultural programs and services for the benefit of the public. For additional eligibility information, please visit: <https://www.4culture.org/grants/sustained-support-recovery/>

#### **2) Do organizations have to be 501(c)3? Or can organizations with a fiscal sponsor apply? Or can organizations that aren't 501(c)3 and don't have a fiscal sponsor apply?**

We encourage **all** arts and cultural organizations regardless of 501(c)3 status or fiscal sponsorship to apply. While organizations will have to have at least fiscal sponsorship if not 501(c)3 status to collect awards, if awarded we are able to support organizations in identifying a fiscal sponsor. If organizations do not meet the minimum requirements to receive federal funding, they will be considered for 4Culture's Sustained Support program.

#### **3) If I apply, will I only be considered for one of the three funding opportunities listed above?**

This shared application is intended to reduce confusion and redundancy for organizations to receive federal relief and is not meant to exclude any organization from accessing funds for which it is eligible. If eligible for all three funding programs, your shared application will be reviewed for and has the potential to be funded by all three programs.

#### 4) How much funding could I receive?

Organizations can only receive Recovery funds up to the amount of lost revenue during the pandemic, which is calculated by the difference between your 2020 and 2019 total revenue as reported on your IRS returns. Applications will be scored through a panel process, in which a group of peers assesses your application to determine public benefit and resilience. Priority will also be given to organizations centered on and with a history of serving communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The panel review, the budget size of your organization, and the level of unmet need related to lost revenue during the pandemic will all be factors in your potential final award amount.

#### 5) What can these funds be used for?

These federal COVID relief funds secured through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are intended to support organizations with a loss in revenue between 2019 and 2020. Applicants must show a revenue loss of at least \$1250 to receive Recovery funds. These funds are unrestricted and intended to support organizations with the following:

- a) Operating expenses related to cultural programs and services which are accessible to Seattle/King County residents and visitors, and provide public benefit.
- b) Staff salaries, rent, utilities, supplies, fees, or services.

#### 6) What is the timeline for this funding opportunity?

Applications are open now. You can apply through [4Culture's online grant portal system](#), and **applications are due by November 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. Awardees will be notified by February 2022, and contracting will begin shortly thereafter.

#### 7) If we have not completed our 2020 990s, are we still eligible?

The 990s are used as the baseline for federal reporting requirements, but will not need to be presented until your organization has been selected for funding. While the application will ask for information found on the 990 form, they do not need to have been filed to submit your application. If you do not intend to file 990s for 2020 at all, you are encouraged to apply to potentially receive funding via [4Culture's Sustained Support program](#).

#### 8) What if I'm ineligible for this funding opportunity? Are there going to be additional funding rounds?

- If you are an organization with a budget size of over \$1 million, please refer to King County's [Revive and Thrive Together](#) program for other ARPA funding opportunities.

- If you are a small business versus a cultural organization, please stay tuned for a separate program in 2022 to fund small businesses in the cultural sector.
- For non-COVID-related funding programs, please refer to our [Civic Partners](#) grant program which will have its next application opportunity in late Spring 2022.

**9) Is there a question you have that we haven't answered?**

- Please contact Calandra Childers at 206-684-7171.

For general questions about the 4Culture Sustained Support & Recovery Funds, please reach out to Bret Fetzer, 4Culture Arts Program Manager at [Bret.Fetzer@4culture.org](mailto:Bret.Fetzer@4culture.org).