

American Rescue Plan Act - Arts Update

ARTS COMMISSION

OCTOBER 18, 2021



Arts & Culture Non-Profit Relief

- **\$2 million** (part of City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation)
 - **100** one-time, flat, unrestricted grants of **\$20,000**
 - Notifications: Week of August 16th; Funding distribution: Week of August 23rd
- Additional Funds added!
 - **\$1 million** Council Approved Budget Amendment (50 awards)
 - August 16th AAC Meeting (recommendation to Council on August 19th)
 - **\$500,000** Reserves (25 awards)
 - **\$420,000** ARPA (21 awards)
- November 18th: Contract Amendment Ratification to Council
- COA is trying to get those funds to 3rd Party ASAP
 - Multiple funds; Overlapping Fiscal Year

Arts Community Relief (ARPA)

- Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group of the Austin Arts Commission met (9/10/21, 9/13/21, 9/15/21)
- Arts Commission September 21st [Recommendation to Council](#)
 - Current cultural contractors in Core and Cultural Heritage Festivals who received less than \$10,000 in relief funding (through at least four sources -- Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, ARPA-funded Arts and Culture Nonprofit Relief, Creative Space Assistance Program, and CARES Act-funded Nonprofit Relief for arts organizations), will receive 100% of their FY21 contract amount. Total: **\$1,861,125.**
 - Current cultural contractors in Core and Cultural Heritage Festivals who received less than \$1,000,000 but more than \$10,000 in relief funding (through the same four sources listed in previous bullet), will receive 85% of their FY21 contract amount. Total: **\$3,439,3483.**

Arts Community Relief (ARPA) Plan

- Memo to Mayor and Council about the AAC Recommendations
 - May or may not be providing list of contractors and award amounts
- Council approval of fund allocations - November 18th
- EDD staff, Finance, and Legal are working on next steps
 - Short Contract with ARPA required attestations to be e-signed (Portal)
 - No application
 - Contract Kick-off Meeting (video)– November 29th
 - Invoice template (Portal)
 - Checks cut before the end of 2021