

American Rescue Plan Act - Arts Update

ARTS COMMISSION

DECEMBER 15, 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 and distributed 11/23/2021
 - **\$1 million** Council Approved Budget Amendment (50 awards)
 - **\$420,000** ARPA (21 awards)
- Additional Funds added and approved by council 12/9/2021
 - **\$500,000** (25 awards)
 - Will be distributed through BBB as soon as COA executes the contract
 - Goal: by the end of the 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

- Council approved fund allocations - November 18, 2021
- Original plan: Internal
 - Contract with ARPA required attestations to be e-signed
 - No application but everyone needed to register as a Vendor with COA
- Updated plan: External
 - Priority is to get the money out quickly
 - Leaning on existing partnerships to better serve our creative community
 - Checks will be cut within 1 week of 3rd party receiving funds
 - End of December/ early January
 - Contract Amendment Ratification at Council January 27, 2022