



## AHC Individual Artist Hurricane Relief Grant Guidelines

The purpose of this grant is to provide relief directly to individual Southwest Louisiana Artists impacted by Hurricane Laura. Working artists are crucial to the mission of The Arts & Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana (AHC). The 2020 Hurricane Season only added to the strain that working artists in our community were under since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Grant funds were generously donated by the Ceramic League of Miami in a partnership with AHC to provide relief for individual artists in SWLA. Grant award amounts will be up to \$300 each. Funds are limited and will be awarded to eligible applicants who meet all of the following criteria and fully complete their application up until funding capacity is reached.

### Eligibility Criteria

- \_The artist/applicant must be an individual artist, defined as one who is dedicated to producing artwork on a regular basis, for at least the past year, as a means of generating income and is able to provide at least 2 of the following:
  - Link to professional website or social media account
  - Attach resume/CV/brief bio
  - Attach examples of work (at least 3 examples)
- \_The artist/applicant must be able to describe how they have lost income as a working artist due to Hurricane Laura.
- \_The artist/applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
- \_The artist/applicant must be a resident of one of the following parishes: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, or Jeff Davis.
- \_The artist/applicant must not be a current executive board member, honorary committee member, major funder, staff member, or immediate family member of such a person of The Arts & Humanities Council of SWLA.
- \_The artist/applicant cannot apply on behalf of any organization, collective, company, band, group, and/or ensemble.

All applicants selected for funding must provide the following identification and proof of residency as well as a W-9.

### Valid Forms of ID (one of the following)

- \_Valid Driver's License
- \_State Identification Card
- \_Student Identification Card

- Military Identification Card
- Passport
- Photo Identification (defined as an item containing photo of applicant and first and last name of applicant)
- CPO-One Door Identification Card

Proof of Address (one of the following)

- Valid Driver's License
- Property Tax Receipt
- Posted Mail with name of applicant
- Utility Bill
- Lease Agreement
- Insurance Card
- Voter Registration Card
- College Enrollment Papers

1099 FORM

- If you are awarded funds from the grant, you will receive a 1099 FORM, as we are required by law to report grant awards to the IRS. Income you receive from this program is taxable. If you have any further question, we recommend you contact a tax consultant.
- Expenses from your grant can be deductible. [Click here](#) to go to the IRS page and bullet 2(c) may be of assistance to handling individual grants.

Applications will be accepted starting **Monday, March 15, 2021** and the **deadline to apply will be Friday, April 2, 2021 by 12 midnight.**

## AHC Individual Artist Hurricane Relief Grant Application

Please complete this application to be considered for the Hurricane Relief Grant. Incomplete applications will automatically be deemed ineligible. Email the completed application along with the required additional documents stated above to Madison Miller at [madisonm@artscouncilswla.org](mailto:madisonm@artscouncilswla.org). If you have any questions, email Madison, or call our office at 337.439.2787

### Contact Info

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Apartment/Suite#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish:

- Allen
- Beauregard
- Calcasieu
- Cameron
- Jeff Davis

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Practice

This section focuses on your practice including discipline, biography, and website. We understand that many artists practice between and across fields, we ask that you do your best to select the one discipline in which your work most deeply aligns.

Please select the discipline that best reflects professional work:

- Dance
- Design
- Folklife
- Literature
- Media Arts
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts & Crafts

Provide a brief biography highlighting your discipline and accomplishments:

1200 max characters

If possible, please provide a URL to your website or social media: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of how Hurricane Laura financially affected your professional work/discipline:

## Voluntary Survey

We are committed to equity and inclusion and view data as an essential tool to be accountable to this commitment. This information is being collected for tracking and reporting purposes and does not affect eligibility or selection.

### Identify as:

Please select all that apply

- Arab or Middle Eastern
- Asian, South Asian, or Southeast Asian
- Black or African American
- Latinx
- Native or Indigenous
- Native American, Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian
- White or Caucasian
- Biracial or Multiracial
- Other
- I prefer not to answer

### Do you identify as disabled?

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to answer

**What is your age?**

- 21-34 years old
- 34-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- 75 years or older
- I prefer to not answer

**Signature**

Acceptance of this application does not imply that it will be funded automatically. Funding is based on multiple criteria such as availability of funds, how many applicants apply, and the information submitted.

**Age Verification**

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and a legal resident of Louisiana and live within one of the five parishes of Southwest Louisiana. I have responded honestly and completely to the application questions. Please note that once you have been selected for funding, you will need to provide a copy of your identification verifying you are 18 years or older.

- I agree to the policy stated above

Your signature is required and indicates that as the signer, you have read the above and agree to all conditions. The application with the signature constitutes a legal document.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_