



Maryland State Arts Council Emergency Council Meeting MINUTES

June 24, 2022

In attendance: Carole Alexander, Shelley Morhaim, Chris Sloan, David Fakunle, John Schratwieser, Jackie Copeland, Molline Jackson, Timothy App, Chad Buterbaugh, Cyneethia Dorsey, David Mitchell, Derrick Quevedo, Laura Weiss, Ryan Koons, Ryan Patterson, Shaunte Roper, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Tammy Oppel, Tom Riford, Rosa Chang, Elizabeth Morales, Allison Burr-Livingstone, Elizabeth Berman, Michael Johnsen

Chair Jackie Copeland called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 p.m. following guiding documents review

Jackie and Steven thanked everyone for joining.

Arts Relief Plan Overview

- \$40 million
- "Arts grants" that "can include, but should not be limited to, entities traditionally funded by the council"
- Funds must be spent (by MSAC) in FY23 - plan takes this into account
- At least 700 additional grants
- 4 main buckets
 - General Operating Support
 - Round 1 (FY23)
 - Round 2 (FY24)
 - Project Grants
 - Grants for Artists
 - Other

Finance Committee Report

Arts Relief Funding Allocation - (Sent in advance)

John made a motion to approve Arts Relief Allocation funding as presented with Folk Festival allocation to be reviewed by the full council in the fall for final approval from the Secretary. Shelley seconded. All in favor.

Program Policy Evaluation Committee Recommendations
Arts Relief Funding Policy Proposals



General Operating Support

- Proposed change: For Arts Relief General Operating Support grants: in addition to allowable expenses listed in the program guidelines through which the grantee received FY23 general operating support, add to allowable (or remove from non-allowable):
 - debt servicing
 - allocations to cash reserves
 - contributions to endowments
- Justification: Making these uses allowable responds to constituent needs, providing stability to organizations to mitigate losses incurred during the COVID pandemic, provide programming to return to pre-pandemic levels of activity, prepare for yet-to-be-known economic effects of COVID, and/or prepare for future growth.

Grants for Organizations

- Proposed change: Income from MSAC Arts Relief General Operating Support grants is unallowable for the purpose of determining total allowable income when calculating an organization's GFO grant amount beginning in FY24 (applicants will acknowledge this stipulation in Arts Relief grant application and it will be made clear in future application guidelines)
- Justification: Mitigates the temporary inflation, due to arts relief funding, of an organization's allowable income used to calculate GFO grants in future cycles

Public Art New Artworks

- Proposed change: Planning Grants up to \$10,000 for FY23 only
- Justification: The increased grant amount will better support communities creating Public Art Master Plans and/or planning public art festivals/exhibitions of works by multiple artists, or larger scale projects. Increased planning grants will allow grantees to raise artist proposal fees, covering artist's time designing proposed artworks.
- Proposed change: Project Grants up to \$50,000 for FY23 only
- Justification: The increased grant amount allows MSAC to support larger scale projects, communities with multiple projects coming from a Master Plan planning process, and/or public artworks for festivals or exhibitions. The increase would also acknowledge increased material and fabrication costs that are currently challenging artist's implementing projects.

Public Art Conservation

- Proposed change: Planning Grants up to \$10,000 for FY23 only
- Justification: The increased grant amount will support conservation assessments of multiple public artworks in a collection.



Arts in Education

- Proposed change: Grants awarded up to \$7,500 for FY23 only
- Justification: The increased grant amount will allow for greater impact on teaching artists allowing them to increase their fees. The increase in the grant amount aims to help address concerns with rising costs across the board.

John made a motion to approve the Art Relief policy proposals for Secretary approval. Jackie seconded. All in favor.

Staff thanked once again for incredible investment in the Maryland arts sector.

Adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.