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Support for Artists and Arts Nonprofits Grant Opportunity *CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3)*

STOCKTON, Calif. – To help members of our community who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, the City of Stockton has received CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3) funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City has allocated \$180,000 of this funding to assist Stockton’s Artists and Arts nonprofit organizations that apply and meet the eligibility criteria. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available for individual artists, and grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to arts nonprofit organizations. The application period opens Monday, October 18, 2021, at noon, and will remain open until 5:30 p.m., on December 1, 2021. Online applications in multiple languages are available on the [Neighborly portal](#).

Current, full-time Stockton residents who make their primary income as freelancers or employees in the arts sector may apply for the arts grant available to individual artists. Applicants must make the majority (50%+) of their individual income from the arts sector through any combination of sales of art, freelance work, and/or employment. This includes fine artists (literary, visual, and performing artists); musicians; teaching artists; culture bearers; artist members of collective-based or cooperative creative social enterprises; and specialized artist workers (e.g., lighting, or sound designers, fabricators, etc.). Grants will be awarded to approximately 20 individuals.

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Stockton-based 501c3 arts nonprofits, fiscally sponsored arts organizations, or 501c3 incorporated cultural land trusts with a primary function of arts and/or culture activities and services may apply. Grant funds can be used for staff salary support, fees for artists or contractual personnel, and costs for facilities. The direct grants will not require a cost-share or match and will be for an amount up to \$20,000.

Individual Artist and Arts Nonprofit Organizational Grant applications will be reviewed by panels convened by the Stockton Arts Commission and judged on artistic excellence and merit, which includes the potential to have a significant and immediate impact on the arts workforce and the individual or organizational ability to carry out the activities described in the application.

Grant amounts will be based on the number of people the organization employs as of the completed fiscal year using the following tiers. Arts nonprofit organizations with:

- 5 employees or less are eligible to receive grants up to \$10,000.
- between 6-15 are eligible to receive grants up to \$15,000.
- 16 or more employees are eligible to receive grants up to \$20,000.

The arts nonprofit organization must not have received more than \$20,000 through the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program or received a National Endowment for the Arts (CARES) award. Additionally, applicants and employees or board members of the applicant organizations who have a conflict of interest (family or financial relationship) with the City of Stockton's elected officials and their employees are ineligible.

Applicants for both grants will be asked to provide a detailed explanation of financial losses or incurred expenses due to COVID-19. These grants will help prevent displacement

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among artists and closures of arts nonprofits. Distribution of the CDBG-CV3 grants for the arts is made possible through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For additional information, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/Arts, call the Community Services Department at (209) 937-8595, or email trevor.wilson@stocktonca.gov.

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