

# Four Delaware Arts Organizations Receive \$50,000 in CARES Act Funding

**The National Endowment for the Arts grants funding to 855 organizations to support staff salaries, fees for artists or contractual personnel, and facilities costs**

Wilmington, Del. (July 10, 2020) – Earlier this month, four Delaware arts organizations—**Delaware Art Museum, Delaware Shakespeare, OperaDelaware and State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education**—received \$50,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These four organizations are among [855 organizations nationwide](#)—located in every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico—that will receive a total of \$44.5 million in nonmatching funds to support staff salaries, fees for artists or contractual personnel, and facilities costs.

The National Endowment for the Arts received more than 3,100 eligible applications requesting \$157 million for the \$45 million available in direct assistance. To review the applications, the agency used more than 200 application readers and panelists to review and score each application using the published review criteria.

*“All of us at the National Endowment for the Arts are keenly aware that arts organizations across the country are hurting, struggling, and trying to survive and that our supply of funding does not come close to meeting the demand for*

*assistance,” said Arts Endowment Chairman Mary Anne Carter. “That said, I am enormously proud of the over-and-above efforts of the Arts Endowment staff to swiftly and professionally manage such a large amount of additional work in a relatively short period of time on behalf of the American public.”*

These awardees represent the diverse nature of arts organizations around the country. Overall funding is divided nearly evenly between small, medium, and large arts organizations.

## **CARES Act grants chart by organization size**



In April, the agency announced the distribution of the required 40 percent of the CARES Act’s \$75 million appropriation to the state and regional arts agencies for their granting programs. With this special award and additional federal funds, the **Delaware Division of the Arts developed two short-term grant opportunities** to help secure jobs and support Delaware’s nonprofit arts organizations and artists that add value to the state’s economy and bolster the creative life of our communities.

Of the approximately 60 arts organizations that receive General Operating Support, and an additional 25 community-based arts programs, [55 arts and community-based organizations and 11 artists received relief funds.](#)

The Division has also opened up a second cycle of the CARES Artist Relief program which provides grants up to \$500 to Delaware artists impacted by the cancellation of a specific, scheduled event, gig, or opportunity (e.g. commissions, performances, readings, contracts, teaching classes, etc.)

because of COVID-19. Guidelines and application link [here](#).  
Deadline to apply July 31, 2020.

### **About the National Endowment for the Arts**

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. Visit [arts.gov](https://www.arts.gov) to learn more.

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The [Delaware Division of the Arts](#), a branch of the Delaware Department of State, is dedicated to cultivating and supporting the arts to enhance the quality of life for all Delawareans. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. For more information about the Delaware Division of the Arts, visit [arts.delaware.gov](https://www.arts.delaware.gov) or call 302-577-8278.