

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: What do Urgency/Stability Grants support?**

**A:** This program is designed to support artists and creatives to continue their practice. This can mean meeting critical needs or daily needs that may be preventing you from doing your work. Needs could be personal, health related, supplies and equipment, or simply time. This program is not project based.

### **Q: Who can apply?**

**A:** You may apply for this program if you are an artists or creative who currently resides in the City of Portland ([www.portlandmaps.com](http://www.portlandmaps.com)), is a member of a historically under-served or under-represented community, and has documented loss related to COVID-19.

### **Q: If I am an individual with an LLC can I still apply?**

**A:** Yes, applicants must be an individual artist or creative and provide RACC with a W-9 form upon notification that you have been awarded a grant. The W-9 form may be filled out for yourself as an individual, your sole-proprietorship, or your single-member LLC, and must have a Social Security Number (SSN), Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), or a single-member LLC Employer Identification Number (EIN). Make sure that your Applicant Eligibility Profile in the RACC Opportunity Portal reflects how you are legally organized and prepared to receive grant income.

### **Q: Can I still apply if I have an open RACC grant?**

**A:** Yes, this grant is a program of the City of Portland, which RACC is administering. Current/ongoing RACC grants would not impact your eligibility for this program.

### **Q: How are award amounts determined?**

**A:** The Review panel will select grantees and set award amounts. The award amount recommendations will be based on review criteria scoring, priority scoring, number of applicants, number of applications submitted in each track, and on funding strategies from the reviewers.

### **Q: Why aren't organizations/businesses/schools eligible?**

**A:** This grant opportunity is one of the initiatives of the City of Portland's Community Health and Safety program, funded by Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. The eligibility for this initiative is set by the City of Portland, and is focused on underrepresented artists who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

### **Q: Do I need to do a project for this grant?**

**A:** No, this grant is not project-specific, but to support recovery from an emergency or the ongoing work by the artist applicant. Grants awards are unrestricted.

### **Q: If awarded, will I need to submit a report on the grant?**

**A:** No, there is no project requirement attached to these grants. The funds are meant to support artists as flexibly as possible, responding to emergencies and investing in their practices. However, if you receive a grant, you may have the opportunity to let the City of Portland know how the grant impacted your work through an optional survey.

**Q: If awarded, will my information be shared?**

**A:** RACC will report names and award amounts to the City of Portland, who will report to the Federal Government. RACC will not share recipient information publically.

**Q: When do I have to use the funds by?**

**A:** There is no requirement from RACC or the City of Portland for beneficiaries to expend the grant funds by a certain date. However, as a recipient of grant income, if the total you receive from RACC is more than \$600 in one year you will receive a 1099-NEC for the award amount at the end of the calendar year in which you are paid.

**Q: The RACC Opportunity Portal won't let me access this program or submit.**

**A:** There are several steps to take if you are not able to view this grant in the online system.

1. Make sure that your Applicant Profile is up-to-date. Not every grant program is open to all applicants based on criteria you have entered in your profile, and many applicants have inadvertently created more than one account, as well. You must be an individual artist who resides in the City of Portland to access the application.
2. Next, if you notice anything acting differently than expected, please first check to make sure you are using a compatible browser that is up to date (Chrome is preferred, Firefox and MS Edge work smoothly, Safari and Internet Explorer are not supported).
3. If you haven't found a user error, send us an email through our feedback form or email [grants@racc.org](mailto:grants@racc.org) and we'll try to sort out the issue for you and other users.

**Q: Why did the eligibility criteria change?**

**A:** In April, the City of Portland collaborated with RACC to launch a program supporting artists in under-represented communities, using Federal grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

In May, the program was temporarily paused to amend the eligibility criteria to include all artists who identify as under-served or under-represented, including but not limited to, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA+ artists and artist with disabilities. Priority consideration will still be given to artists from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciate the continued collaboration and look forward to distributing over \$450,000 in urgency and stability support this summer.