



New Hampshire
State Council on the **Arts**

Frequently Asked Questions: NHSCA FY20 and FY21 Grants and COVID-19

Staff at the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts are working hard to be responsive to current and future grantees as we navigate the new world of COVID-19. Because things are in flux and rapidly changing for all of us, please be patient when you reach out. It may take a few days to receive a response. Thank you for your consideration!

Q: My organization/school received a project grant (Artist Residencies in Schools, Arts in Health, Cultural Conservation [Mooseplates], General Projects for Community Engagement, Youth Arts Projects) for FY20 and our project has been interrupted due to COVID-19. What should we do?

A: If at all possible we prefer that you do **not** cancel programming and instead postpone your project. Grant funds may be used to cover project activities up until the time of the postponement. We have some flexibility on deadlines and may be able to extend your funding into the next fiscal year so you can complete your project. We can also be flexible on the scope of your project. Please contact the coordinator of your grant program (see below) with your questions.

Q: My organization/school had to cancel our project before it was complete. What should we do?

A: Grant funds may be used to cover project activities up until the time of the cancellation but **cannot** be used to support work that hasn't taken place yet, including paying artists for concerts they don't perform or residencies that don't take place. You **can** pay artists for any pre-project work they did, but that work must be documented. If your contracts include cancellation clauses, you may use funds to satisfy those expenses, i.e., flight cancellation fees, venue cancellation fees, hotel deposits, etc. All of these things must be documented in your Final Report.

This is why we prefer you postpone and not cancel! Please contact the coordinator of your grant program (see below) with your questions.

Q: Can you change the scope of FY20 grants from project grants to General Operating Support grants?

A: We have some flexibility to do this but on a case-by-case basis and **only for 501(c)3 arts organizations**. Please contact the coordinator of your grant program (see below) with your questions.

Q: I have an individual artist grant (Traditional Arts Apprenticeship, Artist Entrepreneurial Grant) and have had to postpone my activities due to COVID-19. Can my grant be extended into the next fiscal year?

A: Most likely, yes, until December 31, 2020. Please contact the coordinator of your grant program (see below) with your questions.

Q: I have a contract for artwork or I submitted a proposal for a Percent for Art project. How do I find out about the status of the project?

A: Please contact the coordinator of your grant program (see below) with your questions.

Q: What about FY21?

A: At this writing we are not making any changes to the FY21 grant/opportunity cycle; all categories are open and deadlines firm. That said, there may be changes when we learn more about the pandemic's governmental financial impact; there may be changes to Arts Council allocations from both the National Endowment for the Arts and the State of New Hampshire. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

Q: Who coordinates NHSCA grant/opportunity programs?

A: **Artist Entrepreneurial Grants:** Ginnie Lupi, 603-271-8418, virginia.lupi@dncr.nh.gov

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