

AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

Maryland Arts Employment Stabilization Program

Fact Sheet & General Information

What is the Maryland Arts Employment Stabilization Program?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 recognizes that the nonprofit arts industry is an important sector of the economy. In accordance with this act, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has received funds to help preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector that are threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. As a partner of the NEA, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) has an important role in advancing the goals of this program. **The NEA has awarded funds to MSAC specifically for sub-grants that support the preservation of jobs in the arts.**

Who is Eligible to Apply?

The following organizations are eligible to apply for the Maryland Arts Employment Stabilization Program grant:

- FY 2009 MSAC Grants for Organizations (GFO) Program Grantees
- FY 2009 MSAC Community Arts Development (CAD) Program Grantees
- FY 2009 MSAC *ARTVantage* Program Grantees

How can the Arts Employment Stabilization grants be used?

Arts organizations may request salary support - full or partial - for one or more positions that are critical to an organization's artistic mission and that are in jeopardy or have been eliminated as a result of the current economic climate. An organization may apply for fees for previously engaged artists and/or contractual personnel to maintain the period during which such persons would be engaged.

How Can Eligible Organizations Submit an Application?

Applicant organizations must complete the Maryland Arts Employment Stabilization Program Grant application which will be available at www.msac.org on April 15, 2009.

When is the deadline?

The deadline is **May 8, 2009**. Applications must arrive at MSAC by post or hand delivery no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, May 8, 2009**. Electronic applications will not be accepted.

What is the funding period?

Grant funds must be expended during the state's fiscal year 2010 - July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

How much can organizations request?

Applicants may request no more than \$20,000 and no less than \$1,000.

When will grantees be notified?

Organizations will be notified in mid to late June 2009. Grantees may receive NEA ARRA funds from only one source.

What are the reporting requirements?

The NEA requires all organizations receiving ARRA funds through a state arts council to file **QUARTERLY REPORTS REGARDING TIME AND EFFORT**. Final reports, both narrative and financial, must also be submitted by the specified deadline.

Who is the contact person?

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