

Recovery Grants for Arts Organizations in Mississippi's Coastal Counties

The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) Emergency Relief Fund was established in response to the outpouring of generosity from artists and arts organizations across the country to Hurricane Katrina.

This round of funding will provide financial assistance to arts organizations devastated by Hurricane Katrina to assist them in rebuilding the arts in their community. Relief funds will be distributed *directly* to 501 (c) (3) non-profit arts organizations. Recipients may use relief funds to **assist with the repair or replacement of lost or damaged supplies or equipment**. All of the funds raised by SAF for this round of grants will be distributed to non-profit arts organizations located in Mississippi's coastal counties.

Eligibility

In order to qualify for funds, applicants must be an arts organization with IRS 501c3 non-profit status Based in Hancock, Harrison, or Jackson County;

Note: Priority will be given to organizations that have not received SAF funding to date, but organizations may receive a second award.

Amount of Funding

Relief funds, when available, are designed to provide flexible funding with a simple application process. Awards for this round may range up to \$2,000.

How to Apply

The application form for the program is available on the Commission's website (www.arts.state.ms.us). For those without computer access, a printed copy can be requested by calling (601) 359-6030. For more information or assistance with the application process, please call the Commission at the above number.

Application Deadline

The deadline for making application has been extended. Applications must be postmarked, emailed, faxed or hand delivered to the Commission's office on or before **August 11, 2006**.

Application Form: SAF RECOVERY GRANTS For Arts Organizations

Copy as needed. Please type or print.

1. Organization Name _____
 Contact Name _____
2. Mailing address _____
3. City _____ State ____ MS Zip _____ - _____
4. County (applicants must be based in Hancock, Harrison, or Jackson County) _____
5. Day phone (____) _____ - _____ Evening phone (____) _____ - _____ Fax (____) _____ - _____ Cell (____) _____ - _____
6. E-mail address _____ Website: _____
7. Federal employee ID# _____
8. Is your organization a current or recent grantee of the Arts Commission? Yes No

If YES, in what year did you receive your most recent grant? _____

If NO, please provide the attachment(s) detailed on page two.

9. Budget:

- 1) List the items that you still need replaced or repaired and the estimated cost for each. Although the cap will likely be \$2,000 – please list all losses that have not been replaced by insurance for facilities, equipment and supplies incase additional funds become available.
- 2) If your needs are strictly to cover operating expenses due to lost revenue, please itemize those needs in a budget narrative and explain the extent of your lost revenue.
(You may create your own table or spreadsheet for this section)

Description of Item(s)	Cost
TOTAL	\$

I certify that I have responded honestly and completely to the application questions, that the funds awarded will be for disaster recovery of my arts organization. My organization has 501(c)3 status, and I can provide proof if necessary.

Signature of applicant in ink

Date

Required Attachments for New Grantee Organizations

For Arts Organizations:

If your organization has not previously received funds from the Arts Commission, please provide a summary of your organization's mission, area of service, your most recently completed monthly financial statement, a copy of your letter from the Internal Revenue Service designating your tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) IRS code, and a list of recent activities as an attachment (maximum length: three pages). If possible, please also include support materials that showcase your organization's work. This could include links to stories on websites, copies of program booklets, newspaper stories, etc. Contact the Commission for assistance with this component if you have lost access to these materials due to the storm.

Please mail, fax, email or hand-deliver your completed application to:

**Mississippi Arts Commission
501 North West Street, Suite 701B
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, MS 39201
Phone: 601-359-6030
Fax: 601-359-6008
jcleary@arts.state.ms.us**

Applications must be postmarked or delivered on or before Friday, August 11, 2006.