

Tips for Applying to WCCW's Emergency Health Grant for Artists

- The goal of this grant is not to assess your ability as a writer. It is to determine the below points, so please explain each clearly and directly within the questions provided. You do not need to use flowery language or make the issue more catastrophic than it is.
 1. You are eligible: that you are an artist, living in one of the eligible counties, that you identify as female, trans, a person of color and/or low-income.
 2. The you have an urgent physical, mental health, or dental related need.
 3. That a grant of \$3,000 can have a significant impact in resolving the physical, mental health or dental need.
- Within the scoring of the grant, there is no benefit to being a more “professional” artist. The goal is to confirm that you are someone who has a regular creative practice. The main things we are looking for in the artist statement are: who you are, what your work is, and why you make it. Helpful information to include:
 - Your field and/or genre or what materials you use.
 - Your technique of working.
 - How long you have been making work.
 - Where you studied or who you studied with, or how you taught yourself.
 - What drives you to make your artwork, what it is inspired by, how you hope it is received in the world and by who.
 - Include work samples that show your progression as an artist.
- A description of the physical, mental health and dental need; and the financial implications of this issue are asked in two separate questions. It will be helpful to the panelists to divide the information as follows:

Description of Physical, Mental health or Dental need

- In one sentence, what is the issue for which you’re requesting the grant.
- Explain whether it is a chronic issue, an accident, a needed procedure, or assistance with medical debt, etc...
- What the origins of the issue are, how long it has been affecting you.
- Why it is urgent to have resolved now.
- How this cost or care outside of what is generally accessible to you.
- If you are describing a larger issue that will cost significantly more than \$3,000 to resolve, explain clearly what the grant will cover.

Description of Financial Implications

- How this issue has affected your life. Does it prohibit you from eating, sleeping, or performing basic life-sustaining functions?
 - How it makes it difficult to support yourself or dependents.
 - How it makes it difficult to work, or to continue producing your artwork.
 - How it affects your emotional, physical or financial well being.
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- Explain clearly what the grant money will go towards. The goal of the grant is to have an actual impact on the issue in the application. For example, if you are applying because you need a \$20,000 surgery, but don't have a concrete plan for where the remaining \$17,000 will come from, it does not seem likely that the surgery could actually take place urgently. Consider when writing:
 - It may be helpful to pull out one smaller aspect of a larger need. Is there one part of your issue where \$3,000 could make a significant impact?
 - Will you put the rest on a credit card, or take out debt to cover the cost or otherwise pay it back over time? Even if you are not sure, this is a way to explain a possibility of where the needed money will come from.