

## Emergency Health Grant FAQs

### **Who is eligible to apply for this grant?**

We welcome applicants from artists of all disciplines who: live in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, or Orange Counties; identify as one or more of the following: female, transgender, non-binary, person of color, or low-income; have a medical, mental health, or dental emergency, OR have an illness-related financial need; are not enrolled in a full-time academic program; and who are at least 21 years old.

Artists in all disciplines and stages of their career are eligible to apply. Artists are not required to be US citizens. Applications may be submitted on behalf of an eligible artist unable to submit it on their own.

### **Who is reviewing this grant? Will my information remain confidential?**

A representative from each of our community partners and the WCCW will be reviewing all grant applications along with a medical professional. Everyone involved is committed to keeping applicant identities and information confidential. Only the information provided by the applicant will be discussed, and only as necessary for the granting process.

### **Will this grant be available again in the future?**

At this point, the WCCW has only secured funding for this current round of the Emergency Health Grant.

### **Does my medical, mental health, or dental expense need to be entirely covered by the grant amount?**

No, the grant can represent a portion of the cost of the procedure or health related need. We would like to ensure that the grants are effective in fulfilling a need and request some information about total cost of procedures/treatment to understand how this grant will play a meaningful role in alleviating financial burden.

### **If I receive the grant, is it mandatory that I meet with the social worker?**

No, it is not mandatory. This service is offered in order to make recipients aware of any resources or programs for which they may be eligible.

### **Why is this a feminist issue?**

This granting opportunity fosters the WCCW's ongoing goal of providing holistic support for artists and makers through feminist principles, and seeks to create a conversation around the connections between gender, race, sexuality, class, privilege, access to resources, and health.

### **Must the grant be used exclusively for a health or dental procedure?**

No, the grant can be used directly for medical, mental health, or dental procedures, or it can be used for related costs, including but not limited to: offsetting financial hardship due to a procedure, support for taking time off or wages lost to take care of a medical or dental need, therapeutic needs related to a procedure, etc.

### **Can I apply to use the grant for costs already accrued?**

Yes, and please explain the situation thoroughly in the application. Financial need based on past medical or dental expenses will be considered by the committee.

### **Will I have to pay taxes on this grant?**

Yes. All grants from any funder made to individuals are taxable income. You will receive a 1099 at the end of the tax year from the Women's Center for Creative Work indicating the amount you were paid. Please factor any grants received— including this one—into your overall annual tax planning.