

Tips for Applying to the Emergency Health Grant for Artists

Your application will not be assessed based on your abilities as a writer. The goal of the application is to determine the points listed below. Please be sure to clearly explain each:

1. That you are an artist, living in one of the eligible counties, that you identify as female, trans, non-binary, a person of color, and/or low-income.
2. That you have an urgent medical, mental health, or dental related need.
3. That a grant of up to \$3,000 can have a real impact on the management of the medical, mental health, or dental issue you are experiencing.

Within the scoring of the grant, there is no benefit to being a more professional or established artist. The goal is to confirm that you are someone who consistently makes artwork of any discipline. The main things we are looking for in the artist statement are: who you are, a description of your work, and why you make the work that you do. 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, with whom you studied, or how you taught yourself.
- What drives you to make your artwork, what your work is inspired by, and how you hope your work is received in the world and by whom.
- Include work samples that show your progression.

Three separate questions will ask for: a description of the physical, mental health and dental need; how this issue affects you financially; and a description of “a day in the life.”. It will be helpful to the panelists for you to divide the information as follows:

Description of medical, mental health, or dental need

- In one sentence, what is the issue for which you are requesting the grant.
- Explain whether it is a chronic issue, an accident, a necessary procedure, assistance with medical debt, etc....
- The origins of the issue and how long it has been affecting you.
- Why it is urgent to have this issue resolved now.
- How this cost or care is outside of what is generally accessible to you.

A "day in the life"

- How this issue has affected your life. Does it prohibit you from eating, sleeping, or performing basic life-sustaining functions?
- How it affects or limits your emotional, physical, or financial well being on a daily basis.
- How it feels to move through your day while experiencing this issue, or how it has made the day-to-day impossible.

Description of Financial Impact

- How the issue makes it difficult to support yourself or dependents.
- How the issue makes it difficult to work, or to continue producing your artwork.
- Is it makes it difficult or impossible to afford basic needs in your life like food, housing, or transportation.

In the question: “If a \$3,000 grant will not cover the entire amount needed to resolve the medical, mental health, or dental related issue you described, in what ways will this grant help

you receive needed care?” Clearly explain what the grant money will go toward, especially if the total cost of managing the issue is much larger than the \$3,000 grant. The Emergency Health Grant does not need to cover the entire amount needed, but it may be helpful to define one smaller aspect of a larger need where the grant will be helpful. Is there one part of your issue where \$3,000 could make a significant impact?