



TACA Resiliency Grant Guidelines

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GRANT PURPOSE

TACA Resiliency Grants are the cornerstone component of the TACA Resiliency Initiative – a focused effort to support and strengthen Dallas arts and cultural organizations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. TACA Resiliency Grants are unrestricted grants created to support Dallas arts organizations who are demonstrating resiliency in their ability to creatively fulfill their mission in the current COVID-19 landscape.

ELIGIBILITY

Due to the limited funding that may be available through Resiliency Grants, eligibility to apply is limited to organizations that were funded by TACA through the Arts General Operating (AGO) Grant program in 2018, 2019 or 2020. Eligible applicants must be actively creating or presenting mission-related programming through live, virtual, or other mediums to be considered for funding. If you are unsure if you meet this criteria, please contact Greg Oertel, Programs & Marketing Manager, at greg.oertel@taca-arts.org.

Eligible applicants are not guaranteed funding and will be evaluated according to the Review Criteria outlined below.

If your organization is not eligible for Resiliency Grants but is offering creative programming for the Dallas community, we encourage you to learn more about TACA Pop-Up Grants.

APPLICATION & REVIEW PROCESS

Applicants can complete an application for funding over three different grant distribution periods – see Key Dates section below for more information on the timeline of these periods.

Applications will be reviewed and scored individually by the TACA Resiliency Committee. The Resiliency Committee is a group of local reviewers comprised of TACA board members, artists, and community leaders, intentionally created to represent a broad range of artistic and cultural viewpoints and racial/ethnic diversity.

Resiliency Committee scores will be based on the Review Criteria – Mission Delivery, Community Relevance, and Organizational Adaptability – outlined in detail below. The average aggregate scores for each organization will be used as the final scores upon which grant awards are determined.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Mission Delivery (weighted at 50%)

To what extent does the applicant organization:

- demonstrate a commitment to continuing artistic and other mission-related programs/activities, including outreach and/or educational programming?
- use available resources to effectively produce quality content?
- demonstrate innovation and creativity in how it delivers its mission?

Community Relevance (weighted at 25%)

To what extent does the applicant organization:

- program in a way that is responsive to the current environment?
- engage the Dallas community, particularly historically underrepresented or marginalized communities (e.g. ALAANA – African, Latinx, Arab, Asian, Native-American, LGBTQ+, different-abled)?

Organizational Adaptability (weighted at 25%)

How has the applicant organization:

- made adjustments or implemented new initiatives/strategies to address its immediate financial and institutional obligations?
- addressed its short-term and long-term sustainability/viability?
- collaborated with other local organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic (if applicable)?

AWARD ADMINISTRATION

Grant awards in October 2020, February 2021 and May 2021 will be determined by the following:

- the applicant's operating budget
- the applicant's average aggregate score from the Review Committee
- the total funds TACA has raised from the community to distribute

The completion of a grant application does not guarantee funding by TACA.

Grant awards will be made via ACH Direct Deposit, unless a check is specifically requested.

KEY DATES

Important dates for Resiliency Grants are listed below. More details will be provided as they are finalized.

Cycle 1

September 1, 2020 – Application Available
September 30, 2020 – Deadline to Submit Application
Grant Notification by October 30, 2020

Cycle 2

January 4, 2021 – Application Available
February 1, 2021 – Deadline to Submit Application
Grant Notification by February 26, 2021

Cycle 3

March 22, 2021 – Application Available
May 3, 2021 – Deadline to Submit Application
Grant Notification by May 31, 2021

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding Resiliency Grants, please email Greg Oertel, Programs & Marketing Manager, at greg.oertel@taca-arts.org.



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