ABOUT METROPOLITAN ATLANTA ARTS FUND
The Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund (Arts Fund) was created to support independent small and medium-sized arts organizations located throughout the metro Atlanta region and provides resources to strengthen arts organizations with annual operating budgets under $2 million. The Arts Fund responds to organizations that demonstrate artistic vibrancy and serious self-assessment, recognize the importance of evolving institutional planning and strong financial management for artistic and operational objectives, and illustrate a long-term commitment to the region.

ABOUT GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT
General Operating Support (GOS) provides unrestricted funding to help support an organization as it pursues its mission. This type of grant is flexible and gives the recipient the ability to use funding where most appropriate. In light of the current public health crisis, GOS funds will be made available to arts organizations that have been adversely impacted due to COVID-19.

Grants may be awarded for up to six months. We anticipate most grants will be up to $50,000. In the final grant report, each grant recipient will be asked to reflect on how the organization addressed short-term challenges as well as how it intends to prepare for long-term challenges.

This program has no deadlines. Applications will be reviewed twice a month and applicants will be notified of funding decisions within two weeks. Please reference the schedule below for details. The website will be updated and the application taken offline when this funding opportunity is no longer available.

2020 SCHEDULE
Applications will be pulled for review every two weeks beginning May 4th. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions within two weeks of review.

APPLICATION PROCESS
1) Organizations must complete/update their Organizational Profile and Common Grant Application using the Nonprofit Online Portal.

2) Organizations submit the grant application supplement and required attachments. The application will ask organizations for general information as well as information about how they have been adversely impacted due to COVID-19.

The application can be found here: https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5544357/MAAF2020

Required attachments for organizations:
- Current fiscal year operating budget as approved by the board of directors with year-to-date actual information
- Two most recent financial statements (organizations with budgets over $500,000 must have audited financial statements; organizations with budgets below $500,000 must have reviewed financial statements)
- Last fiscal year year-end financials (year-end balance sheet and budget with actuals) if the reviewed or audited financial statements submitted do not include the most recently completed fiscal year
- Most current balance sheet
- Summary financial analysis (to be completed with the form provided in the application only; preview here)

3) Foundation staff reviews submissions and contacts organizations if additional information is needed.
4) Foundation staff makes funding decisions and grants are awarded.
Nonprofit organizations that meet the following requirements are eligible to apply for GOS:

- Must be located and providing services within the Foundation’s 23-county service area; all GOS grant funds must be spent within the 23-county service area
- Must be classified by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. code as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, donations to which are deductible as charitable contributions under Section 170(c)(2); I.R.S. determination must be current
- Must have annual operating expenses greater than $50,000 and less than $2 million as reflected in the most recently filed I.R.S. Form 990 (click here for more information on Form 990: [irs.gov/Charities-Non-Profits/Form-990-Resources-and-Tools](https://irs.gov/Charities-Non-Profits/Form-990-Resources-and-Tools))
- Must have a primary focus on presenting, producing or providing arts programming for the public
- Must pay artists and performers associated with cultural programming
- Must be registered with the Georgia Secretary of State as a nonprofit (click here to verify: [ecorp.sos.ga.gov/BusinessSearch](http://ecorp.sos.ga.gov/BusinessSearch))
- Organizations must have at least one full-time paid employees for the 12 months prior to submitting an application. (We define full-time employees as those working at least 35 hours per week paid minimum wage or more and classified as a W-2 employee.)
- Must have a Board of Directors where 100% of members made personal cash donations or made financially measureable in-kind contributions during the last completed fiscal year; note there is no required cash donation amount

INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations are not eligible to apply for funding:

- Organizations that require participation in religious services and/or religious education as a condition of receiving services; and/or
- Organizations that have discriminatory policies and/or practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, economic status, disability, sex/gender, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information or political beliefs.
INELIGIBLE USES OF FOUNDATION FUNDS
Foundation funds may not be used to support the following:

- Religious services and/or religious education;
- Endowment funds;
- Capital campaign contributions (for building construction or renovation) or use of funds to cover capital campaign feasibility studies or campaign implementation expenses. This does not include regular maintenance and capital improvements.

How are organizations evaluated and prioritized?
The Foundation will prioritize organizations that:

- Have been most adversely impacted by COVID-19;
- Developed or intend to develop creative responses to the current crisis;
- Historically demonstrated strong financial management;
- Show clarity in mission and vision; and/or
- Engage in diversity, equity and inclusion work.

How do I learn more about general operating support?
If you have questions or concerns, please email Katrina DeBerry, program officer (kdeberry@cfgreateratlanta.org) or Anna Theodore, program associate (atheodore@cfgreateratlanta.org).