



PRIMER TO GRANT PAYMENTS DURING COVID-19

Current Grantees (FY19 July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)

Basic Support Grants (BSG):

If some of your programs had to be cancelled, we understand, and encourage you to pay artists to the extent possible.

Arts Projects, Arts Learning Projects, and Mini Grants

If you **have already received grant payment** and were forced to cancel, you do not need to return the funds. If your cancelled program or project involved payment to artists, we do require that you pay them anyway, to the extent made possible by the grant award.

If you **have NOT already received your grant payment**, we will issue payment, whether or not you have cancelled or rescheduled it.

Nebraska Touring Projects

We encourage you to reschedule the project with the contracted artist. If such a date is not possible, and you have to cancel the event, we will still issue a grant award with the expectation that you will use it to pay the artist.

NOTE: We are not obligating you to pay the sponsor portion of the artist fees for a cancelled project, just the NAC grant award.

Artists in Schools/Communities (AiS/C)

If you cancelled or suspended an artist residency, we will still issue a grant award in the amount of the artist's fees with the expectation that you will pay it to the artist.

Payment should be made as per the terms of your Sponsor and Artist Agreement form:

In the event it is necessary to cancel the artist visit, the parties agree to make good faith efforts to reschedule the visit at a mutually agreeable time within the confines of the NAC funding year (July 1 - June 30). The SPONSOR shall compensate the ARTIST in full for the visit held on the rescheduled date. If the visit cannot be rescheduled at a mutually agreeable time, this contract is null and void.

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School Bus Arts Grants (SBA):

If you were forced to cancel a school bus cultural field trip, we will reimburse you for any admission fees paid to arts organizations. If possible, we encourage you to purchase the tickets from the arts organization and seek reimbursement from NAC.

If you have **any questions**, please direct them to nac.grants@nebraska.gov or the program officer you normally work with. We are ready to address your issues on a case-by-case basis. We are open for business, but many staff members are working from home. Regarding cancelled programs, we are willing to work with you to determine if you can re-apply in the future. We know this is a stressful and difficult time for you, and we ask that you remember the artists you work with and support them the best that you can.

Grant Applicants (FY20 July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Q. Will the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020 application deadlines be changed?

A. No. NAC will continue to accept grant applications at our published deadlines. All applications are submitted electronically through systems that are unaffected by the COVID-19 situation.

Q. Will my application be reviewed on schedule?

A. Yes. Due to COVID-19, we are planning to have panelists work and meet remotely. We will provide more information as we clarify details regarding grant reviews.

Q. What if our organization applies for a grant and we need to make a change to our project as a result of COVID-19?

A. Applicants should notify NAC staff of any significant changes in their project that occurs after they have submitted their application. Our staff will work with you to determine the appropriate course of action.