



Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program

The Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program was established in 2020 with the goal of providing funding assistance to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is managed by the Office of the Alameda County Arts Commission under the leadership of Melissa Wilk, Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Alameda County recognizes that arts and cultural organizations are essential to our community and an instrumental aspect of our economic recovery. The organizations provide arts and cultural programs and services in the areas of visual art, dance, theater, music, literature, poetry, cultural events and traditions, and other related forms.

2020 Arts Relief Grants – Round One

In mid 2020, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors allocated \$900,000 of CARES Act funds to be granted to Alameda County nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. In December 2020, the Arts Relief Grant Program Round One awarded grants to 157 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with awards ranging from \$3,150 to \$15,750 each. All qualifying applicants received awards. Award amounts were based on the organization's budget size. Due to the number of qualifying applicants, all awards were 63% of the maximum award level.

[Link to List of the Arts Relief Round One Grantees.](#)

2022 Arts Relief Grants – Round Two

In mid 2022, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors allocated \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to be granted to Alameda County nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. In August 2022, the Arts Relief Grant Program Round Two awarded grants to 182 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations with awards ranging from \$3,550 to \$14,200 each. All qualifying applicants received awards. Award amounts were based on the organization's budget size. Due to the number of qualifying applicants, all awards were 71% of the maximum award level.

[Link to List of Arts Relief Round Two Grantees.](#)