

BUSINESS AND ARTS SOUTH AFRICA

BASA ARTIST RELIEF GRANTS:

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS

Guidelines and Criteria, 28 July 2020

Business and Arts South Africa (NPC) BASA has extended the scope of its Supporting Grants programme. While the existing opportunities for funding for arts organisations and business sponsors are still available, for a limited time, eligibility has been extended to support South African creative practitioners infected with COVID-19.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Only **individual artists, freelance creatives and independent contractors** who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who are being treated for COVID-19 symptoms.
- 1.2. Applicants must be:
 - 1.2.1. Practicing freelance/independent artists/creative practitioners, whether emerging or established, at least 18 years of age, with proven work experience of at least 12 months in any arts/culture/creative genre, and who are South African citizens with valid ID documents, or
 - 1.2.2. Practicing freelance/independent artists/creative practitioners, whether emerging or established, at least 18 years of age, with proven work experience of at least 12 months in any arts/culture/creative genre, and who have had permanent residence in South Africa for at least 12 months with a valid passport and the applicable visa.
- 1.3. Preference will be given to applicants who have been hospitalised with COVID-19.
- 1.4. Exclusions:
 - 1.4.1. Organisations, collectives or any other group of artists are **not eligible** for these grants. Members of such groups who have been infected may **only** apply for an Artist Relief Grant in their **personal capacity** (as per guidelines and required criteria).
 - 1.4.2. Creatives with permanent employment of any kind are **not eligible** for these grants. The Artist Relief Grant is specifically aimed at freelancers or independent contractors whose sole income source is their creative work, and who do not have a regular salary source or institutional support.

2. What will be funded?

- 2.1. A medical relief grant to a maximum value of R10 000 (copies of medical certificates diagnosing COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms will be required).

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3. Tax

- 3.1. The Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service (SARS) has instructed BASA that all grants made by BASA must be disclosed on IT3(a) certificates where grants are paid to individuals, and SARS will be seeking to tax the amounts received. BASA will supply copies of the IT3(a) certificates to SARS, and SARS may cross check to ensure recipients of such grants have disclosed them. As such, grant recipients will be required to submit a Tax Compliance Status (TCS) form to BASA prior to grant payment.

4. Application procedure

- 4.1. Applications must be submitted via the [online form](#) – no hard copy, email or social media applications will be processed.
- 4.2. Applications will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis – the first 67 eligible applications will be funded.
- 4.3. Supporting documents (in the form of ID copy/passport and residency visa copy; biography/CV/artist profile/reference letter; Tax Compliance Status document; proof of banking details; and medical certificate) are required and must be uploaded via the online entry platform. If, for any reason, the applicant is unable to upload supporting documents via the online entry platform:
 - 4.3.1. The entry form must still be submitted via the online entry platform with all other fields completed; and
 - 4.3.2. The supporting documents must be emailed to artist.grants@basa.co.za.Applications will not be considered complete without all the supporting documents (submitted either via the online form or via email to artist.grants@basa.co.za), and no incomplete applications will be processed.
- 4.4. By submitting an application, you the applicant agree to abide by the terms, conditions, rules and regulations governing the BASA Artist Relief Fund, and declare that the information provided is true and correct.

5. Application outcome

- 5.1. Applicants will be notified of an outcome within 10 working days of submission.
- 5.2. Successful applicants will be allocated a grant number and sent a grant agreement, which needs to be accepted before grant payment can be made.
- 5.3. Approved grant payments will be paid out twice monthly (mid-month and month-end).
- 5.4. Grant deliberations are confidential and decisions are final. No discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning the results.

Direct queries related to eligibility and your application to artist.grants@basa.co.za.