Music, visual art, live performances, and other cultural organizations have always been a place of healing and hope for Wisconsinites, especially during difficult times. But, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit these institutions hard, and our state risks losing them when we need them most.

That’s why “We’re All In.”

Governor Evers and the Department of Administration (DOA) are launching the COVID-19 Cultural Organization Grant Program.

The Cultural Organization Grant Program will support nonprofit cultural organizations whose operations have been negatively affected by COVID-19.

$5 Million total funds available to eligible organizations through the Grant Program

This program is made possible through funding from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The program will expire once CARES funding is exhausted.

Maximum Grant Award

$250,000

or 25% of the organization’s average three previous fiscal years of operating revenue, whichever is less

DEADLINE

Applications must be in by Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY

Conduct operations in Wisconsin and have an administrative presence in Wisconsin

In operation since at least March 1, 2019

Be registered with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions and have one of the following statuses as of the Grant Announcement closing date: “restored to good standing”, “incorporated/qualified/registered”, “organized”, or “registered”

Be a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status

Operate for the benefit of the public

Primary mission is the production, presentation or exhibition of cultural disciplines such as music, dance, theater, literature and the visual arts, or items of environmental or scientific interest.

For more information on the COVID-19 Cultural Organization Grant Program

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