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City of Indianapolis and Arts Council announce recipients of \$500,000 Annual Grants Program COVID-19 Relief Fund

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the City of Indianapolis and the Arts Council of Indianapolis announced that a total of \$500,000 has been awarded to 48 Marion County-based nonprofit arts and culture organizations through the City of Indianapolis Annual Grants Program COVID-19 Relief Fund. The grants, administered by the Arts Council, will help organizations pay for utilities, rent, or mortgage payments.

Indianapolis' nonprofit arts and culture sector is losing an estimated \$8.6 million per month due to COVID-related closures and cancellations, Arts Council research shows. Annually, the sector supports 30,000 jobs, serves 8 million residents and visitors, and generates \$440 million in economic impact for our city.

"We're proud to support our arts community at this critical time," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "But we know that the need remains, even after these dollars have been spent. We need Congress to act quickly to get Indianapolis artists, small business owners, and residents across our city the help they need."

The City of Indianapolis Annual Grants Program COVID-19 Relief Fund is supported through federal CARES Act dollars approved in September by Indianapolis City-County Council as part of Proposal 284. The program was open to nonprofit arts and culture organizations that are currently funded through the [2020 City of Indianapolis Annual Grants Program](#).

Through the two grant programs, the City's commitment to helping Indy's arts and cultural community during this period of COVID-19 relief and recovery totals nearly \$2 million in 2020.

"According to our latest research, the majority of Indianapolis nonprofit arts and cultural organizations are reporting an average of four months of available operating cash remaining," said Julie Goodman, Arts

Council President and CEO. "We are grateful to the City-County Council for including Indy's nonprofit arts organizations in its CARES Act priorities. These relief grants are providing essential support to help ensure #IndyKeepsCreating as the challenges due to the pandemic continue."

The Arts Council staff and Board of Directors' Grants Committee reviewed 50 grant applications to the fund in October and November, and 48 were approved. The average grant amount was \$10,000.

Organizations receiving funding are:

American Cabaret Theatre, Inc.: \$15,392.37	Indianapolis Ballet: \$15,392.37
ArtMix Inc.: \$15,392.37	Indianapolis Opera: \$6,630.77
Arts for Lawrence: \$2,857.18	Indianapolis Suzuki Academy, Inc.: \$15,392.37
Arts for Learning: \$15,392.37	Indianapolis Women's Chorus: \$1,200
Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site: \$15,392.37	Indianapolis Zoo: \$15,392.37
Big Car Media, Inc.: \$14,434.84	International Violin Competition of Indianapolis: \$15,392.37
Buck Creek Players, Inc.: \$5,607.48	Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library: \$15,392.37
Cat Head Press: Printshop and Artist Cooperative: \$2,242.72	Madam Walker Legacy Center: \$9,708.00
Claude McNeal's Musical Theatre Training: \$900	Music for All: \$15,392.37
Dance Kaleidoscope: \$15,392.37	Newfields: \$15,392.37
Drum Corps International, Inc.: \$15,392.37	Pattern, Inc: \$7,000
Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art: \$15,392.37	Percussive Arts Society: \$15,392.37
Classical Music Indy: \$5,570.75	Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis: \$227.94
Fonseca Theatre: \$2,908.88	Phoenix Theatre: \$15,392.37
Footlite Musicals: \$10,170.79	Storefront Theatre of Indianapolis: \$9,000
Freetown Village, Inc.: \$5,585.78	The Children's Museum of Indianapolis: \$15,392.37
Harrison Center for the Arts: \$15,392.37	The District Theatre: \$4,260.83
Heartland Film, Inc.: \$15,392.37	The Indianapolis Theatre Fringe Festival: \$10,593.47
libada Dance Company, \$275	The Indy Convergence, Inc: \$4,886.31
Indiana Historical Society, \$15,392.37	The New Harmony Project Inc.: \$4,006.98
Indiana Performing Arts Centre Inc., \$5,285.32	The Sapphire Theatre Company Inc.: \$3,719.86
Indiana Repertory Theatre, \$15,392.37	WFYI Public Media: \$15,392.37
Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, \$15,392.37	Young Actors Theatre: \$9,372.67
Indiana Writers Center, \$4,137.55	
Indianapolis Art Center, \$15,392.37	

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