

## **Artist Emergency Fund Update**

April 1, 2020

Since being announced on March 18, the ArtsBuild Artist Emergency Fund has received 76 applications from local artists and continues to receive new applications each day. Currently, the total request for funds is \$34,612, with most applicants requesting the maximum \$500 allowance because of multiple gig cancelations.

Thanks to donations from our generous community, ArtsBuild awarded funds last week to 57 applicants and received notes of appreciation from many artists.

Thank you all very much for this grant assistance. I'm so proud to see ArtsBuild offer this help for artists in our city. This is no doubt a very tough time for all of us and I sincerely appreciate your continued support and helping pave a way forward for creativity in Chattanooga!

- Matt

Thank you all so very, very much!!

- Paul

Words fall short to express the gratitude I am feeling. In my case, your generosity is truly helping me get through this challenging time. You have helped me keep the lights and water on, and put food on the table for us.

- Dana

This is such great and helpful news!...at this moment, really life changing, thank you so much!

- John

Just wanted to send a quick thank you note as I received my funding from the Artists Emergency Fund yesterday. Thank you so much for your quick work in helping artists. I can't tell you what a relief the financial support is, but also how encouraging it is to feel cared for by organizations like ArtsBuild.

- Caroline