

Dear Colleagues:

We're writing you to ask for your assistance in completing a **CARES Act Funding Survey** [\[LINK SURVEY\]](#) for the National Endowment for the Arts. This survey addresses the primary goals of these relief funds and will help the Arts Endowment and state arts agencies to assess the efficacy of relief funding policies now and in the future.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress packaged numerous relief efforts for the American public. It included \$75 million in funds distributed through the National Endowment for the Arts. By law, 40% of those dollars were allocated to state arts agencies and regional arts organizations. Your agency or organization received these Arts Endowment CARES Act funding as a supplement to your fiscal year 2019 Partnership Agreement dollars. No new reporting requirements were associated with the provision of those funds; however, we know that many states attempted to track the CARES Act funds.

To better understand these specific Arts Endowment CARES Act dollars on a national level, the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) and the National Endowment for the Arts are administering this short survey.

Please answer the survey questions [\[LINK SURVEY\]](#) to the best of your ability, based on information you have received from your grantees.

The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4.5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. You may need to retrieve data that you have collected from CARES Act grant award recipients. Having those data on hand will allow you to complete the survey more efficiently, though you will be able to save and return to the survey later if necessary. You will be able to save the survey and return to it later if needed. We ask that you answer all questions as best you can and to the fullest extent possible.

All results will be anonymized by NASAA and reported to the public in the aggregate. This survey will not impact current or future awards from the Arts Endowment. Your participation is voluntary. You will not receive any compensation for responding to the survey. You may decline to answer any questions you wish. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this survey is OMB No. 3135-XXXX (expires XX/XX/XXXX).

Please note that this survey is collecting data related to CARES Act funding that your agency received from the Arts Endowment. It is not collecting data related to any other supplemental CARES Act funding.

We greatly appreciate both your efforts to answer these questions and your hard work in allocating and reporting these funds in the first place. **Please submit your response by DATE and direct any questions to Patricia Mullaney-Loss at patricia.mullaney-loss@nasaa-arts.org. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of time estimates or suggestions for improving this form, please contact National Endowment for the Arts at research@arts.gov.**

Thank you for your time,

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Reminder Email

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