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**Fresno's \$1.5 Million Arts & Culture Emergency Relief
Grant Fund Program Launched!**

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FRESNO, CA – Councilmember Esmeralda Soria and Councilmember Mike Karbassi sponsored the Fresno Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grant Fund of \$1.5 million that will provide financial assistance to local artists, performing arts programs and theaters, as well as museums and cultural institutions impacted by COVID-19.

The grants will provide for loss of revenue due to COVID-19 closures and assist with obligations such as rent, utilities, lost wages, and with costs associated with re-opening under COVID guidelines.

Application is now open through November 20, 2020:

<https://fresnoartscouncil.submittable.com/submit>

The Fresno Arts Council will provide grants between \$10,000 and \$150,000 to local museums, grants between \$10,000 to \$25,000 to local nonprofit performing art theaters, and grants of \$5,000 to individual Fresno resident artists.

These grants will provide much needed relief to industries that remain as the last and final tier allowed to reopen by the State of California.

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