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## **STOKES COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA CARES FOR ARTS GRANTS**

The Stokes County Arts Council is now accepting applications for North Carolina CARES for Arts grants through November 9, 2020.

The North Carolina General Assembly designated \$9.4 million federal CARES Act funds for arts councils and arts organizations to mitigate business disruptions caused by COVID-19. The North Carolina Arts Council will distribute these funds on a per-capita basis to all North Carolina counties with a population of less than one million people. In many counties, local arts councils will receive the funds and then sub-grant a portion of the county allotment to eligible recipients.

Individual artists residing in Stokes County, NC are eligible to apply for a North Carolina CARES for Arts grant to offset business disruption and/or expenses incurred due to COVID-19 between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020. The following expenses can be considered: paid salaries and benefits (including contractors), on-going operating expenses, costs associated with canceling programs and creating virtual programs, and COVID-related safety and cleaning measures. Applicants must provide documentation as evidence for expenses. Documents such as receipts, bill/invoices, monthly financial statements, and payroll ledgers will be considered.

Revenue losses are not considered for mitigation in this grant program. North Carolina CARES for Arts funding cannot reimburse expenses already paid for by other federal relief funds such as PPP loans, direct grants from the NEA, and stimulus grants issued by the North Carolina Arts Council.

Application forms and grant guidelines are available on the Stokes County Arts Council website at [www.StokesArts.org](http://www.StokesArts.org). Applications must be received no later than November 9, 2020.

For questions or more information, contact the Stokes County Arts Council at **336 593-8159** or email [stokesarts@gmail.com](mailto:stokesarts@gmail.com).

### **About the Stokes County Arts Council**

Since 1975, the Stokes County Arts Council has successfully served Stokes County, North Carolina residents through the cultural arts. In 2017, the organization opened The Arts Place of Stokes, a multi-purpose venue and home to the Apple Gallery, Dan River Art Market, Rocky's Coffee Shop, Three Sisters Stage, a ceramic studio, artist lofts, and classroom.

### **About the North Carolina Arts Council**

The North Carolina Arts Council builds on our state's longstanding love of the arts, leading the way to a more vibrant future. The Arts Council is an economic catalyst, fueling a thriving nonprofit creative sector that generates \$2.12 billion in annual direct economic activity. The Arts Council also sustains diverse arts expression and traditions while investing in innovative approaches to art-making. The North Carolina Arts Council has proven to be a champion for youth by cultivating tomorrow's creative citizens through arts education. [www.NCArts.org](http://www.NCArts.org)