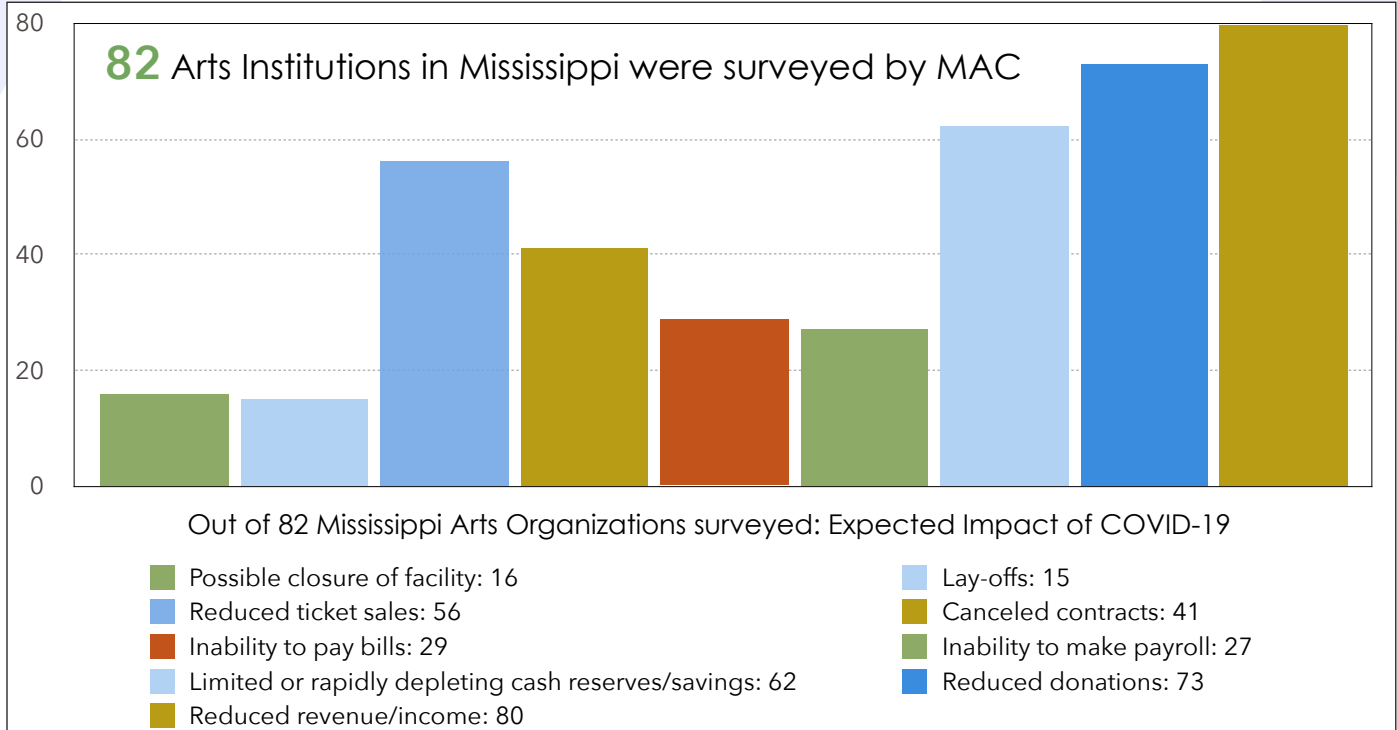


MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION - COVID 19 REPORT

Artists and Arts Organizations in Mississippi have suffered devastating impacts from COVID-19. These are the results of MAC's efforts from March 2020 - January 2021.



MAC AWARDED:

\$499,405

in COVID-19
Emergency grant
funding from the
CARES Act

+

\$90,415

in COVID-19
Emergency grant
funding in
additional state
funding

To help mitigate this enormous need, the Mississippi Arts Commission awarded COVID-19 Emergency Grants from Federal CARES Act funding from the National Endowment for the Arts from March 2020- January 2021.

61

CARES

MAC re-granted
\$439,405

in CARES Act funding
to 61 Mississippi Arts
Institutions from the
National Endowment
for the Arts (NEA)

23

CARES

MAC re-granted
\$60,000

in CARES Act funding
to 23 Mississippi Arts
Institutions from
Regional Partner
South Arts and NEA

154

RAPID RESPONSE

MAC granted
\$90,415

in COVID-19 Relief to
154 individual artists &
arts organizations in
MS *(FY20 & FY21)

*The NEA gave an additional \$390,000 in FY20 to Arts Organizations in Mississippi through direct grants

MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION - COVID 19 REPORT - TESTIMONIALS



"Covid-19 has put me out of work for months, since the nature of my work with portrait photography is being in close proximity with my subjects. I had to cancel, reschedule, and refund some sessions that I had planned for the spring/summer of 2020." - Grant Applicant

"I sing, speak, and train for a living - three things that are very challenging to do with a mask, fear, and social distancing. I am an artist who deploys expression to move people and make a difference. It has been disheartening to experience and adjust to the silence. That silence encapsulates missed opportunities, canceled programs, and mass uncertainty." - Grant Applicant

"Thank goodness that artists like myself become even more charged in moments that may seem dim to some. We pivot pretty easily, but we do need the room through which to explore and find new space. Grants, like those from the Mississippi Arts Commission, give us "insurance" to breathe, create, adjust, and (in this case) try to exist until the sky clears up just a little. It also shows us that artists are important-- that we matter-- and can be valuable assets in the healing and recovery process for us all." - Grant Applicant

"The ever-looming worry of having the money to pay basic bills has put me in a position where my creativity has been substantially hindered. I find that my work has become more complicated to complete now; whereas, in the past the work just flowed more effortlessly with one project feeding ideas for another. My art supplies have also dwindled to the point where doing large works aren't an option, and the costs associated with replenishing my materials prevent me from doing so." - Grant Applicant

"Most of the venues such as festivals, art shows, local events have been cancelled or reduced. This has substantially affected my ability to exhibit and sell my wares, thus threatening my financial stability." - Grant Applicant