

BUSINESS AND ARTS SOUTH AFRICA

BASA Artists Relief Grants GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

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Business and Arts South Africa (NPC) BASA has extended the scope of its Supporting Grants programme. While the existing opportunities for funding for arts organisations and business sponsors are still available, eligibility is now extended to support South African creatives infected or affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. The BASA Artists Relief Fund supports artists in South Africa who have been infected or affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically:

- 1.1. Artists who have either been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or are being treated for COVID-19 symptoms OR
- 1.2. Artists who are experiencing a loss of income due to cancellations or postponements of confirmed engagements, as a result of being infected with COVID-19 or due to the National State of Disaster and subsequent lockdown.

2. The standard and established rules for Supporting Grants' applications apply, with the following specific to individuals who might now potentially qualify (see

<https://www.basa.co.za/home-page/growth/supporting-grants-2/>)

3. Criteria

- 3.1. The BASA Artist Relief Fund will assist the individual artist, freelance creative or independent contractor.
- 3.2. Organisations, collectives or any other group of artists are **not eligible** for the fund. However, they and their business sponsors are still invited to apply through the regular channels for Supporting Grants.
- 3.3. Members of groups who have been affected may only apply to the relief fund in their personal capacity (as per guidelines and required criteria). Applicants must be:

3.3.1. practising artists, whether emerging or established, at least 18 years of age, with proven work experience of at least 12 months in any arts/culture/creative genre, and who are South African citizens with valid ID documents, or

3.3.2. practising artists, whether emerging or established, at least 21 years of age with proven work experience in any arts/culture/creative genre for at least 3 years, and who have had permanent residence in South Africa for at least 12 months with a valid passport and the applicable visa.

3.4. Preference will be given to applicants who have been hospitalised with COVID-19.

3.5. Artists with permanent employment of any kind are **not eligible** for this fund. The fund is specifically aimed at freelancers or independent contractors whose sole income source is their creative work, and who do not have a regular salary source or institutional support.

4. What will be funded?

4.1. Proven medical expenses to a maximum value of R10 000 (copies of medical certificates, prescriptions, and receipts for the purchase of medication specific to the treatment of the COVID-19 infection will be required).

4.2. Up to 50% of proven loss of income due to a cancelled contract, to a maximum value of R10 000 (a one-page letter from the applicant's client/employer, detailing a high-level overview of the project, copies of contracts, official letters, communication, and any other relevant supporting documentation will be required).

4.3. A percentage, as decided by BASA, of proven loss of income due to a postponement of a contract (a one-page letter from the applicant's client/employer, detailing a high-level overview of the project, copies of contracts, official letters, communication, and any other relevant supporting documentation will be required).

5. How does it work?

Applicants must:

5.1. Submit a short proposal letter via e-mail to grants.basa@icloud.com with all relevant information, and a breakdown of the details and loss of income.

5.1.1. Supporting documentation in the form of a medical diagnosis, or project contract must be attached.

5.1.2. A one-page letter from the applicant's client/employer with a high-level overview of the cancelled or postponed project must be attached.

5.2. Incomplete proposal letters will not be processed.

5.3. Successful applicants will be invited to complete the online application and will be notified of an outcome within 10 working days.

5.4. Eligible applicants may be added to a waiting list due to the availability of funds.

5.5. Approved grant payments will be paid out twice monthly (mid-month and month-end).