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## ***LAST CHANCE FOR PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDS***

PIERRE, S.D. – Applications for the final phase of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds designated for South Dakota arts and cultural organizations are now open. The submission deadline is July 6.

Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations incorporated and located in the state of South Dakota may be eligible to receive emergency relief funding. Certain government or municipal agencies are also eligible to apply.

Organizations which have not yet applied for [Emergency Assistance Grants](#) must apply now in order to receive relief funding. All eligible organizations for CARES Act funding are now also eligible to apply for the [Residencies for Recovery](#) program. Full guidelines and instructions are posted at <https://artscouncil.sd.gov/>.

Applications must be submitted through the GoSmart online grants system at <https://sdac.gosmart.org/>. New users to the system will need to build an account and create a profile. Organizations which have already created their account and completed the profile should ensure their information is up to date as soon as possible. Questions and requests for grant consultation may be emailed to [sdac@state.sd.us](mailto:sdac@state.sd.us). Requests for technical assistance must be submitted by 4 pm CDT, Monday, July 6. Exceptions to the submission deadline will not be made.

An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the South Dakota Legislature. The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.