

# **BUSINESS AND ARTS SOUTH AFRICA**

## **BASA Artist 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 Artist Relief Grants support artists in South Africa who have been infected or affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically:**

- 1.1. Artists who have 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 in South Africa, 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 (see <https://www.basa.co.za/home-page/growth/supporting-grants-2/>), with the following specific to individuals who might now potentially qualify.**

### **3. Criteria**

- 3.1. The BASA Artist Relief Grants will assist the individual artist, freelance creative or independent contractor.
- 3.2. Applicants must be:
  - 3.2.1. Practicing 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
  - 3.2.2. Practicing 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.

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

3.4. Exclusions:

3.4.1. Organisations, collectives or any other group of artists are **not eligible** for these grants.

Members of such groups who have been affected may **only** apply for an Artist Relief Grant in their **personal capacity** (as per guidelines and required criteria). However, organisations and their business sponsors are still invited to apply for Supporting Grants through the regular channels.

3.4.2. Artists with permanent employment of any kind are **not eligible** for these grants. The Artist Relief Grant 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.

3.4.3. Similar to Supporting Grant eligibility, projects or events outside of South Africa are **not eligible** for these grants. The Artist Relief Grant will only consider applications for loss of income within South Africa.

3.4.4. Similar to Supporting Grant eligibility, film and television projects are **not eligible** for these grants. The Artist Relief Grant will only consider applications for film festivals, not production or other film and television project costs, as these are the mandate of the National Film and Video Foundation which also receives funding from the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.

#### **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 the 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](mailto: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 when applying for loss of income relief.
- 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).
- 5.6. Note: The Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service (SARS) has instructed BASA that all grants made by BASA must be disclosed on IT3(a) certificates; where grants are paid to individuals, SARS will be seeking to tax the amounts received. BASA will supply copies of the IT3(a) certificates to SARS, and SARS may cross check to ensure recipients of such grants have disclosed these.