

## **The Barbara and Carl Zydney Grant for Artists with Disabilities**

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#### **Application Deadline:**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:00PM EDT**

NYFA only accepts application submitted online at

[apply.nyfa.org/submit](https://apply.nyfa.org/submit)

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New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) is pleased to launch The Barbara and Carl Zydney Grant for Artists with Disabilities.

The program will distribute unrestricted cash grants of \$1,000 to artists with a disability who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis. The program is open to visual, media, music, performing, and literary artists who live in New York City (five boroughs).

#### **GRANT TIMELINE**

**Grant Launch:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021

**Applications Open:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM EDT

**Applications Close:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM EDT

**Applicants Notified:** Saturday, July 24, 2021

## Frequently Asked Questions (updated 04/20/21)

### General FAQs

#### **Q: What disabilities are eligible?**

**A:** Artists will need to identify their disability by selecting a condition within one of the following categories:

- Amputee / Limb difference
- Blind/Low vision
- Chronic pain and/or chronic illness (including HIV/AIDS, cancer)
- Cognitive / Learning
- Cerebral Palsy
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Intellectual / Developmental
- Invisible
- Little Person / Dwarfism
- Mental Health
- Mobility
- Neurodivergent
- Not listed - Self identify

#### **Q: Do I need to provide documentation of my disability?**

**A:** No, the applicant will not need to provide documentation of their disability with their application.

**Q: I received/I am currently receiving unemployment benefits, am I eligible to apply?**

**A:** Yes. Even if you are receiving or did receive unemployment in the past 12 months, you are still eligible to apply for this grant.

**Q: I received/I am currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, am I eligible to apply?**

**A:** Yes. If you meet all the eligibility criteria and you are or have received SSI or SSDI, you are welcome to apply.

**Q: How will this affect my Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance benefits?**

**A:** If possible, NYFA advises contacting the Social Security Administration for personalized advice.

**NYFA will not be not issuing a 1099** for this grant as the relief falls under a *disaster relief benefit* relating to a COVID-19 emergency.

For individual questions relating to your personal finance or tax implications, please advise a financial manager or tax accountant.

**Q: What types of arts practices are eligible?**

**A:** Applicants need to have a sustained artistic practice. Applicants might be creating work under any of the following disciplines, Craft/Sculpture, Choreography/Dance, Design, Digital

/ Electronic Arts, Folk/Traditional Arts, Interdisciplinary Work, Literary arts, Music/Sound, Theater/Performance, Video/Film and Visual Arts.

**Q: What do you mean by a current sustained commitment to my artistic practice?**

**A:** Applicants need to be practicing artists and be able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to their arts practice and career. Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they have participated, created, or maintained their artistic practice and provide documentation from any time over the past 4 years (2017 to date). There should also be a public engagement with the artist's work such as exhibitions, shows, community based programs, performances, or other public presentations of the artist's work.

We understand that artists may have had an interruption to their practice in 2020 due to COVID-19. However, applicants will need to provide documentation from the years prior.

**Q: I am having trouble accessing the application, how do I contact NYFA for assistance?**

**A:** If possible, please email [apply@nyfa.org](mailto:apply@nyfa.org). This email address is monitored daily and staff will aim to respond in a timely manner.

If you would prefer to call, NYFA has a hotline for this grant. The hotline is monitored every Monday from April 26 to June 14: 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM EDT. Please call 646-801-0632.

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Q: How can I apply / where can I find the application form?**

**A:** If eligible, please apply via the Submittable platform. A link to the application will appear on this page on Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00 AM EDT and will also be available here:

<https://apply.nyfa.org/submit>

If you have not submitted an application with NYFA's Grants department before, you will need to create a new Submittable account. [Visit www.submittable.com to start a free account.](https://www.submittable.com)

If you have submitted an application with NYFA Grants in the past, you can use those credentials to apply for this grant.

**Q: Can I submit a hardcopy application or submit an application via email?**

**A:** No. All applications must be submitted online via the Submittable platform. However, we are offering assistance to those who require it. To request an accommodation or assistance in applying, please email [apply@nyfa.org](mailto:apply@nyfa.org). We ask that requests for accommodation be made as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, June 1 to allow adequate time for staff to support you in submitting an application before the deadline.

**Q: What file types can I upload to my application form?**

**A:** The application form accepts the following file types: PDF, JPG, DOC, DOCX, MP4, and MOV and web links.

**Q: Will the application be open continuously for the duration of the fund?**

**A:** Yes. The application form will be open from 10:00 AM EDT, Tuesday, May 4 and remain open until 5:00 PM EDT on Tuesday, June 15. Applications will close at 5:00 PM EDT so please make sure you submit your application before this time.

All applicants who have started an application and saved a draft will be notified 24 hours before the application closes.

The application will not reopen once they close.

**Q: Why are you collecting demographic data from applicants and who has access?**

**A:** By completing this information you are helping NYFA secure future funding. Your responses will remain anonymous and will not be linked to your identifying information.

NYFA is committed to supporting individuals from all backgrounds and disciplines and will continue to work towards values of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility across all programs.

Read NYFA's DEIA statement on our website:

<https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/About-NYFA>

**Q: Can I apply on behalf of someone else with their consent?**

**A:** Yes, you may submit an application on behalf of another person with their consent. Ensure that you are creating a Submittable account, and submitting the application under that person's name, with their contact information.

## **REVIEW, RECEIVING FUNDS, AND REPORTING**

**Q: How will applications be selected for funding?**

**A:** Once closed, all applications will be reviewed for completeness. Qualifying applicants will be selected by a lottery system.

Artistic merit is not a criterion in selecting recipients.

**Q: Why are qualifying applications being selected by a lottery system?**

**A:** The lottery system allows us to give equal consideration to every qualifying application received during the application cycle. The random selection of the lottery system ensures that early submissions are not given undue advantage over those submitting materials towards the end of the cycle, and avoids any disparity among applicants of different geographic location, physical ability, or cultural background.

**Q: Once I apply, when will I hear back?**

**A:** All applicants will receive notification on the outcome of their application by July 20.

Please do not email us regarding the status of your application.

**Q: How will funds be distributed?**

**A:** All funding will be distributed via Automatic Clearing House (ACH) at no expense to the recipient. If recipients prefer to receive a check, this can also be arranged.



**Q: What will you require to issue my grant?**

**A:** All recipients will be asked to complete a W-9 for NYFA's internal processing purposes ONLY. **1099s will not be issued.** In addition, applicants will need to provide bank account details for wire transfer.

**Q: Am I guaranteed to receive funds?**

**A:** No. Unfortunately, due to limited funds and volume of applications, not every applicant will be funded.

**Q: Can I apply more than once?**

**A:** No.

**Q: If I'm awarded a grant, will my name be made public?**

**A:** No. Personal information will never be disclosed or publicized without prior consent.

**Q: If I receive a grant, will there be reporting requirements?**

**A:** No grant reporting will be necessary.

**Q: What can I use the funding for?**

**A:** All grants are unrestricted and can be used by the recipient as they need. You do not need to reveal how you spend the money.

**Q: Is the grant taxable?**

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