

# **Bee Vradenburg Foundation**

## **COVID-19 Recovery Grant Application Information**

### **Our Vision**

Arts are the soul of a thriving community.

### **Our Mission**

Bee Vradenburg Foundation was founded in 2001 as a private foundation to advance the relevance, resilience and greatness of arts in the Pikes Peak region.

### **Philanthropic Goals**

In response to the evolving COVID-19 crisis, the Bee Vradenburg Foundation is steadfast in support of the arts in the Pikes Peak region. We cannot replicate life before COVID-19, but we can leverage the power of the arts to respond to the moment and, in doing so, emerge from the crisis as an even more vibrant creative community. To this end, the foundation is particularly interested in funding:

- Relevance grants- The creation and presentation of new work that is particularly relevant to the moment and/or responds to the crisis.
- Resilience grants- Short-term emergency or “hibernation” support to help organizations cover basic expenses like website hosting and insurance during a pause in operations. Preference will be given to requests that demonstrate a clear plan to achieve resilience during and following the crisis.
- Capacity building grants- technical assistance and investments in the areas of financial and scenario planning, partnerships and mergers, and technology.

### **Eligibility**

During this unprecedented time, Organizations that received funding prior to the pandemic in 2020 will be allowed to apply again this year based on the philanthropic goals explained above. Additionally, funded organizations that had previously been asked to “sit-out” in 2020 are now eligible to apply for COVID-19 Recovery funds at any time. All organizations applying to the foundation must:

- Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) arts-oriented organization; or be an arts-oriented project or organization under the fiscal agency of a 501(c)(3) organization.
- Be based in and serve the Pikes Peak region, defined as El Paso County and the Ute Pass corridor of Teller County to include Woodland Park.
- Have an active employment nondiscrimination policy signed by the board chair that is inclusive of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental handicap, veteran status and marital status.

### **Ineligible for Funding**

The following are ineligible for funding from the foundation:

- Individual artists or art students. Individual artists should apply to the Bee Vradenburg Foundation Artist Recovery Fund at the Pikes Peak Community Foundation ([ppcf.org/artists-needing-assistance/](http://ppcf.org/artists-needing-assistance/)).
- Organizations that are not legal nonprofits or under the fiscal sponsorship of a nonprofit.

- Performances or arts events designed primarily as fund-raisers for non-arts organizations.
- Organizations primarily focused on work outside the areas of the arts, culture, or creativity.
- At this time, the foundation is not able to consider capital grant requests.

### **Grant Sizes/Structures**

Grants are structured based on the size of organizations. Specifically:

- Organizations with prior-year or current-year revenues of \$50,000 or less are eligible to request up to \$5,000 per year; however, most grants will be less than \$2,500.
- Organizations with prior-year or current-year revenues of more than \$50,000 are eligible to request up to \$15,000; however, most grant awards will be less than \$10,000.

### **To Apply for a Grant**

COVID-19 Recovery Grant application forms are available for download from the website. Applicants may submit applications by mail or via email. For email applications, please combine the entire application in a single PDF attachment. All applicants are strongly encouraged to call or email the foundation before submitting a request. Contact information below.

### **Deadlines**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and most requests will receive an answer within 6-8 weeks.

### **Please send applications or questions to:**

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