South Dakota Department of Tourism
Federal Funding Summary

The South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) received $422,800 in additional program funding from the National Endowment for the Arts from the CARES Act. These funds are in addition to the $1.25 billion South Dakota received in CRF funds.

Funds are intended to help save jobs in the arts sector and keep the doors open to the thousands of organizations that add value to America’s economy and the creative life of our communities. The State Arts Agencies (SAAs) and Regional Arts Organizations (RAOs) are partners with the Arts Endowment in achieving these goals.

As a state arts agency, SDAC used the funds to create the Emergency Assistance Grants program to help keep nonprofit organizations in South Dakota’s statewide arts community operational in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. SDAC awarded the entire $422,800 to 56 eligible arts or cultural organizations across the state.

Funding Breakdown

CARES Act funding for SDAC for FFY2019 Partnership Agreement:

1. $290,000 – Amendments to SDAC operating-support grants for current fiscal year (24 subawards using tiered payments proportional to current grants/annual eligible operating expenses at the time of application)
2. $132,800 – Subawards to 501c3 nonprofit and other eligible local arts agencies; including additional funds for Residencies for Recovery participants (26 subawards at $2,500 apiece; 10 subawards at about $5,000 to $7,225 apiece)

To date, all of the funds have been awarded and are expected to be paid out by the end of the calendar year, Dec. 31, 2020.