Application Scoring Guide ARP Subgranting Program

Select the score that best reflects the applicant overall in each criteria. The applicant does not necessarily need to achieve every item in the category, score them where they predominantly fit. Scores should be proportional (i.e., a zero score in a category indicates the applicant achieved zero criteria). Do not compare applicants to each other, only against the criteria.

Artistic Excellence and Artistic Merit

Evaluates the arts programmatic history, potential to have an immediate impact on the arts workforce, and significance to the mission and core work of the organization.

Scores	Exceptional 10	Strong 9-8	Adequate 7-5	Needs Work 4 and below
	Past programs show significant creativity or originality. Organization has significant potential to have an immediate impact on the arts workforce. Past program examples demonstrate significance to the overall mission and core work of the organization.	Past programs show clear originality or creativity. Organization has potential to have an immediate impact on the arts workforce. Past program examples demonstrate strong tie to the overall mission and core work of the organization.	Past programs show some creativity or originality in concept or execution. Organization has some potential to have an impact on the arts workforce. Past program examples demonstrate moderate tie to the overall mission and core work of the organization.	Past programs show minimal creativity. Organization has uncertain potential to have an impact on the arts workforce. Past program examples demonstrate moderate tie to the overall mission and core work of the organization.

Community Involvement

Potential to serve and/or reach individuals whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by ethnicity, economics, geography, or disability.

Scores	Exceptional 10	Strong 9-8	Adequate 7-5	Needs Work 4 and below
	Organization addresses significant community need. Significant outreach and involvement with unreached or underserved audiences.	Community need is identified. Strong outreach and involvement with unreached or underserved audiences.	Community need is identified. Organization makes effort to engage with unreached or underserved audiences.	Community need is not clearly identified. Limited engagement with unreached or underserved audiences.

Management Ability

Ability to carry out an award as shown by the alignment of the budget and other resources with the goals and requirements of this funding opportunity.

Scores	Exceptional 5	Strong 4	Adequate 3-2	Needs Work 1 and below
	Evidence of strong management with history of financial stability (application demonstrates fiscal health and ability to adapt to COVID-19 pandemic). Good record of successful management of past awards and programs.	Application demonstrates fiscal health and ability to adapt to COVID-19 pandemic. Record of successful management of past awards and programs.	Clear, accurate, and complete application, but not a lot of experience managing past awards and programs.	Little or no evidence of ability to manage award.