



## 2020 Specific Opportunity Stipend (SOS) for Tompkins County Artists of all disciplines

**Deadline: Friday, October 9, midnight**

**Time Period:** for opportunities from October 2020 through May 2021

### **Free and Recommended Grant Information Sessions:**

A grant information zoom session is highly recommended for all CAP grant applicants. The session will provide information about CAP's grants, and grant writing advice. Registration is required and links to the dates/times below can be found on the grant page at [www.ArtsPartner.org](http://www.ArtsPartner.org)

Thursday, September 17, 2:00pm / Wednesday, September 23, 7:00pm / Monday, September 28, noon  
Tuesday, October 6, 11:00am / Wednesday, October 7, 7:00pm

### **Contact for Advice, Brainstorming, Draft Review, and Questions:**

Robin Schwartz, Grant and Program Director, [programs@artspartner.org](mailto:programs@artspartner.org). It is highly recommended that applicants submit a draft application well before the due date for comments. The earlier a draft is sent, the more detailed our response will be. (The application is a google form, but the list of questions in listed below, and a draft can be submitted as (preferably) as a word .doc.

### **Information about all of CAP's grants (and programs): ArtsPartner.org:**

Artist Emergency Relief Fund - Due Sept. 21 / SOS - Due Oct. 9 / Grants For Arts Programs - Due Oct. 23 /  
Artist in Community Grant - Due Oct. 30 / Arts Education Grant - Due Nov. 19

### **COVID-19:**

*While the Specific Opportunity Stipend has been available in the past for specific and strategic opportunities meant to boost an artist's career to a new level, this October 2020 round of funding is also available for opportunities that will help an artist maintain their career during the current pandemic.*

### **The Specific Opportunity Stipend:**

SOS is designed to support local artists of all disciplines who have an active and ongoing career (even if that career has paused due to Covid-19).

SOS is for a specific project or opportunity that will provide artists with a significant impact and expansion to their art career. For the October 2020 round, opportunities that will assist in maintaining an active artistic career will also be reviewed. Opportunities can be for the artistic or business side of an ongoing art career.

"Specific Opportunity" is defined as:

- An opportunity to which you have been invited that will boost your ongoing art career in a significant way.
- Participation in an event/conference/program (virtual or in-person) you will use to advance your art career.
- Completion of a project where the final result will be used to significantly impact your art career.
- A step up in an artistic career, rather than a lateral move.
- For October 2020: An opportunity that will help an artist maintain their artistic career.

## **Applicant Requirements:**

- Applicant artist must be a current Tompkins County resident and must have lived in Tompkins since 2018. If funded, artists may be asked to provide proof of two year residency.
- An artistic resume is a required attachment. If the request for an invited opportunity, a letter of proof (or e-mail) is required.

## **Grant Details:**

- SOS distributes \$24,000 annually with two deadlines, one in March and one in October. For the upcoming October deadline, we have \$13,000 to distribute.
- Applicants will be notified of results within a month of the application deadline.
- Artists of all disciplines can apply for \$100 to \$1,500.
- Artists whose ongoing work impacts our local communities may be given higher consideration.
- If funded, awards may be less than amount requested. We expect to be able to fund about 13 to 15 artists.
- Collaborations are welcome.
- An important part of the application is providing very specific details about how you will leverage the opportunity for great impact on your career.
- Advice: If a cost is mentioned in your budget, it should be explained in your narrative.

## **Panel Review Criteria:**

Proposals are evaluated and selected in a competitive process by review panels made up of artists, administrators, and community members. Review criteria includes:

- Application completeness and clarity. Plain, clear language is appreciated.
- The merit of the opportunity and its feasibility as it relates to the artist's career trajectory.
- The artist's ability to detail and articulate the significant impact on their career.

## **The SOS Grant Can Fund Costs Associated with a Specific Opportunity:**

Website and online presence development; Travel and accommodation costs; Rental of equipment, or materials; Hiring of technical support; Promotional expenses; Documentation of work; Entry, exhibition, registration, or tuition fees; Workshops or mentorships

## **SOS Tompkins Does Not Fund:**

- The creation of art not related to a Specific Opportunity/
- Artistic supplies or equipment not directly related to a Specific Opportunity.
- Cost of meals

## **Recent Specific Examples of Funded Artist Opportunities from March 2020:**

- The opening of a storefront/gallery for increased exposure and sales.
- Professional recording of a recent composition for upcoming presentation at conference.
- Purchase of a specific kiln to expand business, and accept students.
- Finishing funds for a film slated for screenings slated for regional screenings.
- Editor for an upcoming accepted novel.
- Attendance at an exclusive invitation-only intensive workshop.

## **Artist responsibilities if awarded a grant:**

- Sign a funding agreement detailing the use and requirements of SOS funding to include W-9 for awards of over \$600, crediting CAP on publicity/media; proof of residency, final report.
- Note that the Community Arts Partnership reserves the right to describe or reproduce material from any opportunity awarded funding through its grants programs for publication or public relations purposes.

# SOS Grant Submission Instructions

## 1. Application - Fill out Google Form

The SOS application is a google form at <https://forms.gle/DP13bCrMirB2BPcr5>

The link can also be found at [ArtsPartner.org](https://www.artspartner.org) on the Grant page under SOS Grants.

**NOTE: The google form cannot be saved as a draft. The questions and character limit are listed below so that you can work on the answers and then, when ready, cut and paste them into the google form.**

1. First Name:
2. Last Name
3. E-mail:
4. Website Address:
5. Residence Address:
6. Have you lived in Tompkins County since 2018?
7. Do you plan on staying in Tompkins through 2022?
8. Name of Project/Opportunity (*example: "Recording of New Work for Publication,"*)
9. Date(s) of Project/Opportunity, (*example: "December 2020 to May 2021"*)
10. Summary Statement: *Summarize your project or opportunity using one or two sentences. 400 character maximum.*
11. Artistic Discipline: *Briefly describe your current artistic discipline using no more than four sentences. (e.g. I create mixed media sculpture...) 600 character maximum.*
12. Detail Summary: *Describe, in great detail your project or opportunity. (Details here are very important). 3200 character limit.*
13. Project Impact: *Describe exactly and in great detail, how you will leverage this project or opportunity to impact your professional career. Specifics are important. 3200 character limit.*
14. Community Impact: *Do you or your ongoing artwork impact local communities through public showings, performances, workshops, events... ? If yes, briefly list (e.g. recent exhibits at..., public performances at...) 2000 character limit.*
15. List Project Expenses: (*Expense, Amount, Explanation*) For Example: "Space Rental: \$300, 3 days at CSMA / Travel, \$330, Round Trip flight to NYS / Hotel, \$299, Air B&B for 3 nights / etc.
16. Total Expenses:
17. List Project Income: (*same format as Expense List*)
18. Total Income:
19. Expenses Total (minus) Income Total
20. Grant Request: *Your grant request can be less than "Expenses minus Income" if that amount is more than this grant can fund (\$1500) or if some of the expenses (not offset by income) are not covered. (See guidelines)*
21. Adjustments: *If you receive a grant that is less than you requested, how will you make up the difference, or adjust your project? 1000 character limit.*

## 2. Required Attachments - send to [programs@artspartner.org](mailto:programs@artspartner.org)

**Artistic Resume:** Send as an attachment. Do not send a bio or artist statement. .doc or .pdf

**Letter of Proof:** If applying for an opportunity to which you have been invited, include written proof from a third party. A copy of an e-mail is fine. (No letter is required for a self-generated project or opportunity.)