



## **TOWN OF CLINTON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ARTS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

Through the American Recovery Plan Act, the Town of Clinton will receive \$3.8 million of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Town has authorized funds to be available as grants for non-profit, art entities based in Clinton.

Grants may be awarded to organizations for local cultural and arts purposes that benefits the citizens of Clinton. Allowable purposes include programs, special projects, and capital investments.

### **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS**

Clinton's ARPA Arts Assistance Grant Program is designed to support organizations, programs, and activities that benefit Clinton residents. Organizations eligible to apply include nonprofits that are corporations, associations, agencies, or faith-based organizations with a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) nonprofit status under the Internal Revenue Service Code. For-profit entities and individuals are not eligible for funding under this program.

Preference given to organizations that:

- Provide services to Clinton residents;
- Have actively participated in the Clinton for a long period of time;
- Support an activity which results in increased tourist activity; or
- Arts and cultural activity that will provide a direct benefit to the recovery of other Clinton businesses (e.g., restaurants).

Applicants must demonstrate financial impacts directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

An organization will only be considered for funding if they provide a copy of a current IRS Determination Letter proving non-profit status.

Organizations that received other COVID-19 funding assistance such as, but not limited to, Federal CARES Act funding, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans; or Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) are eligible to apply for ARPA funding so long as expenses are not duplicated.

## **ELIGIBLE COSTS**

- Loss of earning, decline in revenues, or impacts of cancelled fundraising events during periods of closure or limited operations due to COVID-19 public health orders.
- Funding for new programs designed to increase tourist activity in Clinton.
- Multi-year investments are eligible but subject to completion no later than December 31, 2024.

## **INELIGIBLE COSTS**

- Loss that bears no relation or are grossly disproportionate to the type or extent of the harm experience due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Contribution to rainy day funds, financial reserves, or similar funds.
- Payment of interest or principal on outstanding debt instruments.

## **GRANT PERIOD**

- In general, applicants may apply for funds to cover COVID-19 related economic loss or costs incurred during the period beginning April 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022.
- New projects or future expenses must be completed by December 31, 2024.

Applicants for new projects or future expenses must demonstrate their ability to complete the project within the expected timeframe and experience managing other public grants.

To be considered, please complete the attached application. There is no guarantee of full or partial funding for any application. Funding will be available until exhausted. Applicants should understand that this grant application is for a one-time grant process as a result of the Town's access to ARPA funding. The Town is not obligated provide any funding commitments beyond this support cycle.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until available funds are exhausted. Please return the application to [ARPA@clintonct.org](mailto:ARPA@clintonct.org) or mail to Town of Clinton, Town Manager's Office, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413.



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Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CEO/Executive Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Mission Statement:

Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of the organizations' s staff or Board members immediate family members of one or more elected/appointed officials of the Town of Clinton?

\_\_\_ Yes, explain:

\_\_\_ No

Describe the arts and cultural activities provided to Clinton residents and the impacts to other beneficiaries:

If appropriate, describe the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic increased demand for your non-profit's services, led to a revenue loss, or both. Please attached to this application financial information that documents actual revenue and actual expenditures from the year prior to March 2020. Also include actual revenue and actual expenditures during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020 – current):

Describe steps taken by the organization to respond to the financial impacts of COVID-19:

Has the organization received other COVID-19 funding assistance such as, but not limited to, Federal CARES Act funding, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans; or Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)?

\_\_\_ Yes, describe amount(s) and use(s)

\_\_\_ No

Grant Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the proposed use of funding and how it responds it will aid in the recovery of the tourism sector in Clinton:

By entering my name below, I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true, accurate, and complete, to the best of my knowledge. If circumstances change, I will submit a revised application or additional information accordingly.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

1. Proof of 501(c)3 status or Letter of Determination