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Supervisor Wagner Establishes the Third District Arts COVID-19 Relief Grant

(Santa Ana, Calif.) — Today, Orange County Supervisor Donald P. Wagner announced his establishment of a new COVID-19 Arts Relief Program. The program will assist arts-related businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 within the Third District.

Supervisor Wagner is proud to help establish the relief fund for our creative communities, and said, “Our arts organizations are also small businesses struggling to survive the COVID-19 pandemic. In many cases, performance-based groups were the first forced to close their doors because they rely on social gatherings and will be the last to reopen. Beyond providing enrichment and entertainment, these organizations deliver essential services by educating our children, offering after school activities to keep teens productive and out of trouble, and provide therapeutic services to people with disabilities and our veterans.”

The funding is part of the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds bill and will aid the arts-related businesses and nonprofits. Funding of \$500,000 will be divided and allocated throughout the district in the form of grants.

Supervisor Wagner continued, “The arts sector also contributes to Orange County’s once-thriving economy, offering creative industries a talented and qualified workforce. Orange County relies upon this substantial tax revenue to support our well-rounded communities.”

The financial aid will be distributed through the OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund, a COVID-19 relief fund for artists and arts organizations launched by Arts Orange County. Arts Orange County is the County of Orange’s official nonprofit arts agency, supported by the Orange County Community Foundation, and managed by Charitable Ventures.

Apply today! Grant guidelines and application are available at **<https://charitableventuresoc.org/district-three-covid19-arts-relief-program/>**
Applications are due Friday, July 17, at 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

Grant amounts are need-based with a maximum of \$50,000 per applicant. Applicants will be asked to provide supporting documentation to receive a grant. Full details are available in the online grant guidelines.

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