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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **INTRODUCING OUR LOW BARRIER COVID-19 CULTURAL RELIEF GRANTS**    MaCCNO remains committed to ensuring all members of our cultural community have access to relief during the COVID-19 crisis, but we know many musicians, traditional culture bearers, and other cultural practitioners are struggling to access the resources they need. To meet that challenge, drawing from the lessons learned by Sweet Home New Orleans, we have launched our own “low barrier” $250 mini-grants, which are available to members of the cultural community who work/practice in and around New Orleans. To date, we've already given out nearly 100 grants to working musicians, street performers, Black Masking Indians, dancers, Social Aid and Pleasure Club members, burlesque performers, and many others. Grants are distributed on a rolling basis, so the more money we can raise, the more people we can assist.    [**You can contribute to our COVID-19 fund here.**](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fem.networkforgood.com%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DVAGGw4zHikj3d-2F5242H3Ziop1pVRZS9F9PdazdD9AguBHcrQGYa5CfPVKUnExUyFHIgqGFyf19KyhUVTXxwgpEBKgsq5JQb8fHM7jcx-2FxeqF9Ub2JIkkJyOmnxkEvNPlMf0HExXlaNlVojuqkcF8-2F6tBqEPaiVW7tEHjpWZumWg-3DteGM_wekJEa4KxC7ao0CGY55u7W9xbm1rQsv1lQ7peCbPhQSkQ-2BTELB7MBGceMoX6EIGpjL7wAMuaV3uopLnOSg7A8-2F8eeSD19SN-2FCM8i-2BzkI7YhHn-2BfJjrrHwyN2kr-2BiLcTa1MZUDhnbYCe5sIkBC-2Ft9LKveA-2B2Tg-2FF2Np-2FIOLxKOUSm4d9Lx8067hjx0YaGJnCRMn6N8UwihdP7ZlnaFaH-2BS4-2FGlaTcPeMLyf-2Fy7-2F0V5k0ZwXeBQo6bFm45chIrOIpNWsUmDEu-2BAMIIdmoxYLVsJcPDG-2BkSv-2BET9nFec9ScqHHfLw8lV1Fek20pQoA8e1n3XTrwt413owaX-2BtAgLTn2Xw-3D-3D&data=02%7C01%7Ccatkinso%40uno.edu%7C81dd0e6da56540c3680008d7ed255ec4%7C31d4dbf540044469bfeedf294a9de150%7C0%7C0%7C637238617070251925&sdata=2wRTfKm68xmnfbow%2FcSl7XQT2XNXfRCTvo9SoW4SOE0%3D&reserved=0)    **HERE’S HOW THE GRANTS WORK:**  We know those most in need of aid are often the least likely to be able to access it, so we are operating via referrals, proactively reaching out to members of the cultural community who then connect us with people they know are in need (however, self-referrals are also possible). When we connect with a person in need of aid, we conduct a roughly 10 minute intake session over the phone. Once complete, funds are distributed via Paypal, CashApp, or paper check as soon as possible. Priority is given to those aged 70+ and individuals who are having difficulty accessing other forms of financial assistance.    [**To refer someone for a MaCCNO grant click here.**](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fem.networkforgood.com%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DVAGGw4zHikj3d-2F5242H3ZkimuHzf2uLaJzMHtdmr8A6VFNYPi3W-2FrN5VOJ-2FsXUvQb46Td-2FmgIJqgyUSUByyvjZEMcLXh6eW44YIqSLBPP91pswkgImU2HYdzbsnVXxjUZWJvzlZRMRRrr8MGsqlsHd6UxZiZHwhPqNjctJUa67o-3DPEsa_wekJEa4KxC7ao0CGY55u7W9xbm1rQsv1lQ7peCbPhQSkQ-2BTELB7MBGceMoX6EIGpjL7wAMuaV3uopLnOSg7A8-2F8eeSD19SN-2FCM8i-2BzkI7YhHn-2BfJjrrHwyN2kr-2BiLcTa1MZUDhnbYCe5sIkBC-2Ft9LKH8WJy0-2FZNf2PabduIgPUk09YggzEFwD9bOr9tpQ6tID8mHD5BneYcLIiS4dMJIvwzCVVRhqaqnzcDBW7uw28xX3K93nuBPAUyzB5fvdFaWcSpgVwawy-2BWMkTqSvOpYQ81ZE0WwjwU4oZ5rNtWzu2UKesO-2Bf-2BLNG-2FtzJ5F-2F1wuxLRjem8U8TVo-2F9NnF521oYg-3D-3D&data=02%7C01%7Ccatkinso%40uno.edu%7C81dd0e6da56540c3680008d7ed255ec4%7C31d4dbf540044469bfeedf294a9de150%7C0%7C0%7C637238617070251925&sdata=GJpLjd34W3%2BuFmEZ4NrUM5la2RST00qd2%2BIeRn%2FEgPk%3D&reserved=0)    For more information or if you have questions about our mini-grants, e-mail [mailings@maccno.com](mailto:mailings@maccno.com) or call 504-327-7713.    We would like to thank the Compton Foundation and the Wend Collective for making the initial investments that made these grants possible. | | | |

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