

# What is the Community Care Fund?

The Community Care Fund provides financial assistance of up to \$1,000 to Leeway grant and award recipients experiencing immediate financial need due to the continuation of the pandemic's impact on artist lives and livelihoods.

- Housing crisis
- Utility bills
- Medical costs
- Food insecurity
- Loan repayment
- Caregiving (e.g. - childcare, eldercare, etc.)
- Lost income due to job lay-off or furlough
- Lost income due to cancelled creative events, work, and/or opportunities
- COVID-19 protective equipment / supplies
- Other...



# Recap of the Fund in 2020



From April through June 2020, we moved:

**\$49,282 to 59 artists**

Up to \$1,000/person

From June through November 2020, we moved:

**\$25,773 to 53 artists**

Dropped amount to \$500/person to support as many grantees as possible

**2020 total: \$75,055 to 112 artists**

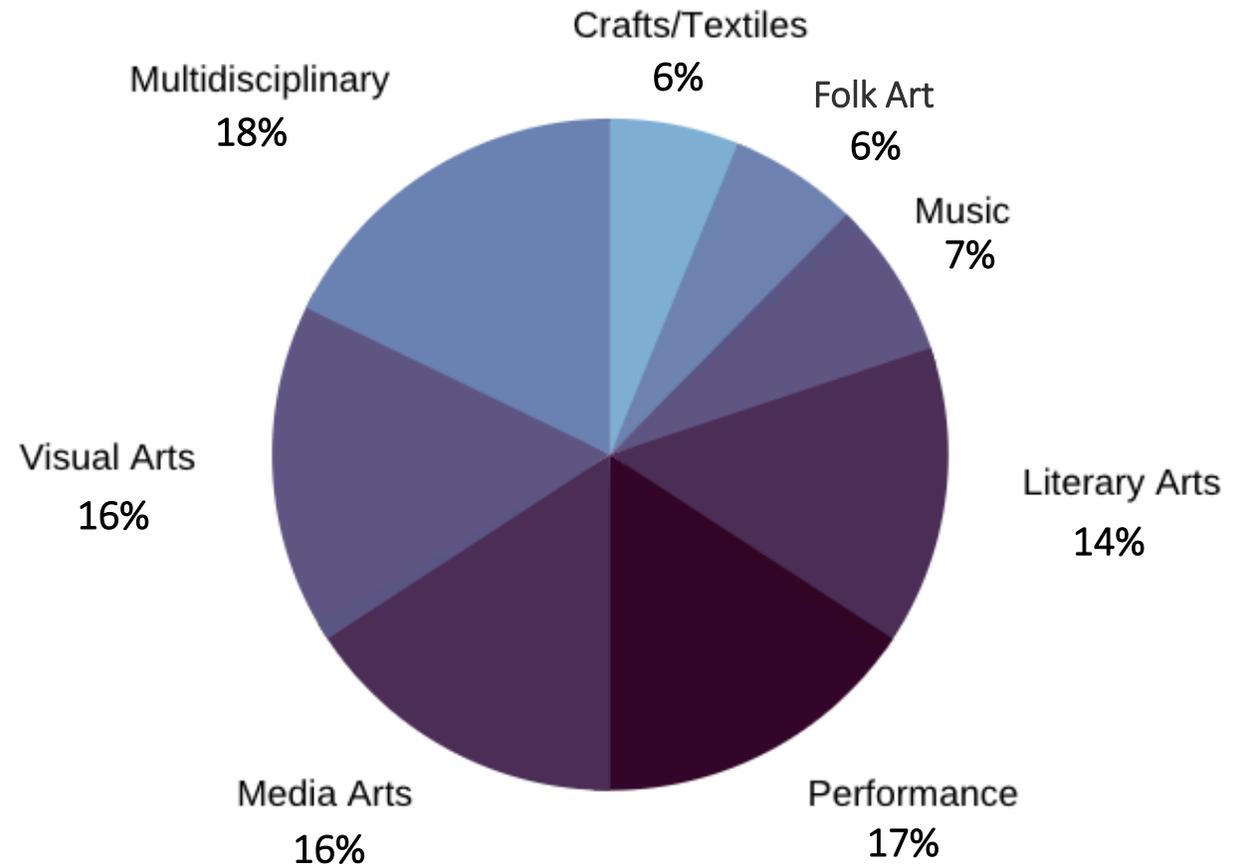
18% increase in Leeway's annual funding (\$290k in 2019 v. \$342k in 2020)

# What 2021 looks like [so far]

Since February 2021, we moved:  
**\$54,265 to 59 artists**

**Community Care Funding  
since April 2020:**

**\$129,320 to 171 artists**



# Why continue relief funding in 2021?



- **We asked grantees if they anticipated needing additional relief funds**
  - 92% of respondents indicated they would in 2021
- **We understand that the pandemic's impact will continue into 2021 + beyond**
  - GPCA projects total revenue loss from March '20 to March '21 → \$371.7M
  - 41% of orgs. were unlikely to survive beyond Fall '21 on current income streams
  - AFTA found that 63% of artists are fully unemployed (avg. loss of \$22k each)
- **We recognize the absence of funding for individual artists (both relief and otherwise) in the region, particularly for artists of color**
  - GIA reports that only 5% of pandemic-response dollars from Foundation and individual giving in 2020 went to communities of color (12% of all grants)
  - BIPOC communities have a COVID death rate 2x that of white people in the U.S.

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## **2021**

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