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**Application Deadlines Extended for City Grant  
Programs for Small Businesses, Individual Artists,  
Nonprofits**

*Oakland, CA* – The application periods for three City of Oakland CARES Act-funded grant programs launched in September have been extended.

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The **Oakland CARES Act Small Business Grant Program** will accept applications until **5 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020**. This program will provide \$10,000 grants to qualifying Oakland small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and have gross revenues under \$2 million. Online applications and eligibility requirements in four languages are available at:

[mainstreetlaunch.org/oakland-cares-act-grant/](http://mainstreetlaunch.org/oakland-cares-act-grant/)

The application deadline for the **Oakland CARES Nonprofit Grant Fund** has been **extended to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2020**. This program will award grants of up to \$25,000 to qualifying community-serving nonprofits with annual budgets of less than \$1 million that address the impact of COVID-19 and the needs of low-income residents and businesses in the following areas: Health & Human Services; Economic & Workforce Development; Legal Support; Food Security; Homeless and Renter Support Services; and Education. Online applications and eligibility requirements are available at: [communityvisionca.org/oaklandcares/](http://communityvisionca.org/oaklandcares/)

Finally, the **Oakland CARES Fund for Artists and Arts Nonprofits**, which will disburse \$1.425 million to support individual artists and arts nonprofit organizations that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, has been **extended to 1 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020**. The program will award grants of up to \$20,000 to arts nonprofits with annual budgets of less than \$2.5 million, while supporting individual artists with grants of up to \$3,000 each. With the extension, due to undersubscription in the program, there has also been an **adjustment to the eligibility requirements for arts nonprofits** to make the program's Paycheck Protection Program threshold of \$20,000 a selection preference rather than an exclusionary criterion. The online applications in four languages are available at:

[cciarts.org/Oakland\\_CARES\\_Fund.html](http://cciarts.org/Oakland_CARES_Fund.html)

These are the latest CARES Act-funded grant programs launched by the City of Oakland. A grant program for [low-income renter and homeowner relief](#) was announced in September. Learn more about the City's \$36.9 million in CARES Act Funding at: [oaklandca.gov/CaresAct](http://oaklandca.gov/CaresAct)

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