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Greetings,

Over the last several months Arlington Cultural Affairs met virtually with all Arlington arts grantees about the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the recommendations from our Public Health officials, and in consultation with other regional arts organizations, we have determined it is in the best interest of continuing to protect the public health and safety of the Arlington Arts grantees and others not to resume their programs, in any physically enclosed space, at this time.

Further, in consultation with the Arlington County Manager's Office (CMO), Arlington Public Schools (APS), and the Arlington Commission for the Arts (ACA), we have determined County-run arts facilities (3700 Four Mile Run, Lee Arts Center and shared facilities with APS) will remain closed through December 2020. This includes theatres, rehearsal spaces, art galleries, art studios, scenery shop, costume shop, offices and storage spaces. We will reassess the feasibility of reopening of these facilities for Spring 2021 in November 2020.

The Arlington Cultural Affairs Division is committed to persevering during this challenging time by focusing on innovation and alternative means of distributing content. We are glad that some of you applied for and received the Small Business GRANT through our parent Department, Arlington Economic Development (AED). We are in constant touch with national and regional arts leadership to keep abreast of trends and funding, and we will continue to connect you with relevant resources.

In the meantime, AED's Biz Launch team <https://www.arlingtoneconomicdevelopment.com/start-and-grow-your-small-business/> would be happy to work with any artists on strategies to continue operating their business during this difficult time. We also would encourage any small business to consider the recently announced "Rebuild VA" Grant program <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/rebuildva/>.

Sincerely,

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