



FY22 Facilities and Buildings- Mortgage and Rent Relief (FAB-R) Grant Proposal

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Under DC code § 39-205, 17% of CAH's annual budget is allocated to the "Facilities and Buildings" program supporting arts and humanities capital projects. Under that code, additional FY22 legislation further allows support for rent and mortgage expenses of DC arts and humanities spaces and home offices.

Considering this, CAH staff recommends allocating funds to renew the Facilities and Buildings: Mortgage and Rent Relief (FAB-R) grant in FY22. This program would continue providing emergency support to DC nonprofit arts and humanities organizations recovering from the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Building on FY21's cycle, the FY22 program would follow accordingly:

	FY21	FY22
FAB-Traditional	\$2.9m	\$4.3m
FAB-Relief	\$1.6m	\$1.0m (estimated)
Total:	\$4.5m	\$5.3m

OVERVIEW

In the FY21 cycle, CAH funded 80 organizations with an average award of \$20k. One quarter of the grantees were first-time CAH grantees and many have since applied for other CAH programs. FAB-R was designed to be a lowest-possible barrier of entry to CAH. The guidelines are seven pages long and funding is decided on objective pass/fail criteria.

SCHEDULE

CAH staff recommends announcing the FAB-R opportunity ASAP once the DC-required Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) allows, ideally by December 2021. FAB-R awardees would ideally be announced by February 2022.

DOLLARS (MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT)

No-match awards would cover 100% of an organization's FY22 rent or mortgage, up to \$30,000.

WHO CAN APPLY

DC nonprofit arts and humanities organizations with anticipated FY22 rent or mortgage (or equivalent) expenses. In an effort to equitably distribute limited FAB funds, the FAB-R program would exclude grantees already receiving over \$100k in FY22 FAB-T funds.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS FOR FY22

- Decrease maximum award from \$40k to \$30k, noting the smaller anticipated program budget
- Allow applicants to apply for 100% of expenses; reducing staff review time
- Formally incorporate home office eligibility, based on an applicant's 2021 or 2020 Form 1040 and accompanying Schedule C and IRS Form 8829 (Expenses for Business Use of your Home)
- Request applicant's expense summary sheet and a highlighted lease/mortgage agreement to expedite staff review time and award disbursement.