



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
Ministry of Community Development,  
Culture and the Arts

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Cultural Relief Grant

## For Artistes and Creatives

### 1. Who qualifies to apply for the Cultural Relief Grant?

- Persons who are self-employed in the creative sector and have suffered due to loss of income effective March 1, 2020 – December 2020

### 2. Who qualifies as a “Self-employed” person in the Art and Creative sector?

- Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago
- Eighteen (18) years and older.
- Creatives in the areas of:
  - ✓ Music
  - ✓ Visual Arts
  - ✓ Literary Arts
  - ✓ Dance
  - ✓ Theatre Arts
  - ✓ Film
  - ✓ Craft
  - ✓ Fine Art
- Persons who have not received any other COVID 19 Relief Grant from the Ministry of Social Development or Ministry of Finance.

### 3. Are Tobago artists and creatives eligible to apply for the Relief Grant?

Yes. All applications must be submitted through the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, Grants Department Level 18 Nicholas Tower, 63-65 Independence Square POS or Community Development District Offices of the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts (see [cdca.gov.tt](http://cdca.gov.tt) for listing)



**4. Can I apply if I have already applied but not yet received any grant (salary, food, rental) from the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services or Ministry of Finance?**

Yes you can apply, once you have NOT received any other grant from the Covid-19 Relief Initiatives. Please note that applications will be verified.

**5. Can I access the grant if I am an unemployed/unable to earn due to COVID -19 restrictions but the other persons in my household are employed?**

Yes, the grant applies specifically to artistes and creative who have lost their income during COVID-19

**6. Will I be required to do a means test?**

No.

**7. What documents do I need to apply?**

Please see Guidelines for applying for the Cultural Relief Grant for Artists and Creatives.

**8. Must my application include an endorsement letter from a recommender?**

No

