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**Subject:** From RISCA regarding your FY20 Grant  
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**Regarding your [REDACTED] grant from RISCA**

Dear [REDACTED]:

First, and most importantly, I'm writing on behalf of all of us here at the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) to express our hope that you and all those you care about are safe and healthy. For those of you who have experienced loss, please know that we grieve with you and your loved ones.

We are living through a perilous time. Many of you have reached out to us to ask questions about programs that have had to be postponed or suspended as a result of the pandemic. You wonder about the deadline for final reports that were to have been submitted by the end of July. And you worry about projects that you have proposed for support starting as early as July 1 in the new fiscal year.

We hope you are able to complete your RISCA-funded project as planned by June 30, 2020, satisfy existing matching dollar requirements, and complete your final report by July 31. If so, we encourage you to close out your grant project by submitting your final report.

If that is not the case, please know that RISCA will be as accommodating as it can be in support of our grantees during this difficult period. As a grantee of RISCA we want you to understand that we will be making the following temporary accommodations to allow us to navigate through this crisis.

From now until the end of December 2020:

- All matching dollars requirements will be waived. Final reports for activities taking place after March 1, 2020 through the end of December need not show the required dollar-for-dollar match.
- Projects taking place between the period of March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 may be delayed as necessary due to the pandemic. Simply communicate with RISCA program staff in an email with the subject line "COVID-related change to dates of RISCA project" about the change in date.
- The scope or scale of a project taking place between March and December 2020 may change if required by the impact of the pandemic. Describe the change in scope in an email with the subject line "COVID-related change to RISCA project" to the appropriate RISCA program director. Every effort will be made to accommodate pandemic-related changes.

- The final report due date of July 31, 2020 for FY20 grants has been extended to December 31, 2020 for all grants.

For those of you who submitted a grant application at our April 1 (extended to April 15) deadline for the coming year, all of the temporary accommodations described above will apply through the end of December.

Finally, we encourage you to reach out to your program director if you have any questions, problems or concerns. Please email the program directors for those programs to schedule a time for a phone or Zoom chat:

- Project Grant for Individuals: Mollie Flanagan, [mollie.flanagan@arts.ri.gov](mailto:mollie.flanagan@arts.ri.gov)
- Arts Access Grants: Todd Trebour, [todd.trebour@arts.ri.gov](mailto:todd.trebour@arts.ri.gov)
- Project Grants in Education: Maggie Anderson, [Maggie.anderson@arts.ri.gov](mailto:Maggie.anderson@arts.ri.gov)
- Folk Arts Apprenticeships: Elena Patino, [elena.patino@arts.ri.gov](mailto:elena.patino@arts.ri.gov)
- Project Grants in Arts and Health: Randall Rosenbaum (temporarily), [Randall.Rosenbaum@arts.ri.gov](mailto:Randall.Rosenbaum@arts.ri.gov)

Once again, all of us at RISCA hope for a safe and complete recovery for the artists and arts organizations of our state, and send our deepest sympathy to those who have experienced loss during this time. The arts are essential to the well-being of Rhode Islanders, and we thank you for all you contribute to the vitality of our state.

Stay well!

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