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**DARRYL CHAPPELL FOUNDATION EMERGENCY GRANT TO CHICAGO AFRODESCENDANT ARTISTS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UCHICAGO'S ARTS + PUBLIC LIFE**

The Darryl Chappell Foundation, a Washington, DC headquartered private nonprofit, is partnering with Arts + Public Life (APL), an initiative of UChicago Arts, to distribute \$10,000 in grants of \$1,000 emergency cash payments to 10 active local Chicago artists of African descent. In partnership with the Darryl Chappell Foundation, APL will use these funds to provide financial relief to self-identified Afrodescendent artists impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing global financial crisis.

"We are honored for this first collaboration between APL and the Darryl Chappell Foundation, and we are confident that it will be the starting point for more joint initiatives in the future," said APL Deputy Director Alfredo Nieves-Moreno. "The funds provided by the Darryl Chappell Foundation will allow APL to support past participants of the Artist in Residence program in managing the financial challenges that the pandemic has caused for many of them. In addition, we aim to reaffirm our partnership model with this project, which understands every relationship as a long-term commitment."

Arts + Public Life (APL) is using the grants to support 10 alumni from its [Artist-in-Residence \(AIRs\) program](#)—a 10-month paid residency program, now in its 10th year, presented in partnership with UChicago's Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture (CSRPC). The APL/CSRPC alumni selected to receive the one-time grant of \$1000 will be local artists who are Afrodescendant, whose work examines themes relevant to South Side communities, have a visual arts-centered practice with a demonstrated history of elevating critical community assets and issues, and reside in the Chicagoland area and contribute to the local creative ecosystem.

The Darryl Chappell Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization focused on enabling emerging artists of African descent to achieve their highest potential. Arts + Public Life is proud to be a recipient of the Dorothy A. Chappell Emergency Response Grant to provide immediate relief through distribution to the AIRs alumni in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic and resulting financial crisis being experienced by artists around the world. The grant application and selection process is currently in progress, with an announcement of the 10 grant recipients and subsequent distribution of funds planned to commence in October.

Darryl Chappell, MBA '96, believes the \$10,000 grant to Afrodescendent artists in Chicago is the start of a greater relationship with APL. The Foundation was particularly attracted to APL's focus and results achieved as it relates to the arts, entrepreneurship and deep engagement in the local South Side community. One of the core values of the Foundation is financial self-sufficiency, which we believe is possible by enabling emerging artists to achieve their highest potential through dedicated focus during artist-in-residence and also through access to people, ideas and capital that will make their dreams reality. We are excited about the new partnership with APL and look forward to our next engagement together.

Read more about how the Foundation is supporting artists at darrylchappellfoundation.org.

Arts + Public Life (APL) is a dynamic hub of exploration, expression, and exchange that centers people of color and fosters neighborhood vibrancy through the arts on the South Side of Chicago. As a neighborhood platform for arts and culture in Washington Park, APL provides residencies for Black and Brown artists and creative entrepreneurs, arts education for youth, and artist-led programming and exhibitions. Learn more at arts.uchicago.edu/artsandpubliclife.