

BBACARES FAQ

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1: Q: I live in Philadelphia PA, outside the designated radius for application submissions, may I apply?

A: Yes you may apply. Priority will be given to those applicants from within the designated radius, however all applications will be reviewed.

2: Q: I am a working, full time musician, but not a blues musician, may I apply?

A: Yes you may apply. We are an organization that supports the blues art form and therefore priority will be given to those musicians who perform in the blues genre however we recognize all musicians may have need at this time and therefore your application will be reviewed.

3: Q: What does “confirmed live performance” mean?

A: BBACARES can only consider funding for **actual income lost** due to the pandemic. So you should only list those performances that were on your calendar starting March 1, mutually “confirmed” and verifiable by you and the venue contact. You should NOT list “maybes”, or “I often play every Thursday”, only list those performances that were lost and where income was guaranteed, but lost. If there are confirmed, verifiable performances scheduled in the months ahead that have been cancelled and not rescheduled you may also list those.

4: Q: What if a performance deal is typically a “door deal”, or not a specific amount? Can I still apply?

A: Yes you can still apply. List an estimated, expected income for a typical door deal arrangement. Indicate “Door Deal” in the performance information table.

5: Q: Who will be making the decision about who will receive funding and how much will be received?

A: BBACARES has established a committee, working under confidentiality agreements, who will review each application. All applications that qualify based on need and other factors will be considered for funding. The amount of funding will be directly tied to the amount of donations received and the number of qualifying applications. We would like to provide some amount of funding to all applicants, but there are no guarantees for any funding. An outside reviewer (non-BBA CORE member) for funding oversight will review all funding decisions prior to distribution.

6: Q: What would cause an application to NOT qualify for funding?

A: Some of those factors would be: A poorly written or incomplete submission. Information submitted that does not indicate “need”. Information submitted that seems inaccurate or is not verifiable.

7: Q: What if my mailing address is .5 mile outside of the designated radius and my application qualifies in all other parameters and I can indicate real need?

A: The BBACARES committee will carefully evaluate each application and make a determination and can infuse flexibility where it makes sense and is deemed fair. For that reason, even if you reside outside of the designated radius, you should submit.

8: Q: When can I expect to receive funding should I be awarded?

A: The BBACARES committee would like to send checks within 14 days after the conclusion of the 30-day submission period.

9: Q: I would like to donate. Is there a minimum amount?

A: Thank you and “no” all donation amounts are accepted.

10: Q: Is my donation tax deductible?

A: Yes, all donations processed by BBACARES are tax deductible.

11: Q: I want to donate to BBACARES, but prefer to send a check rather than use an online donation, is that possible?

A: Yes, you may print out a donor application, or request a donor application using the billtown.1990@gmail.com address, and send your check to:
Billtown Blues Association Inc/BBACARES, PO Box 2, Hughesville PA 17737

12: Q: As a donor will I receive receipt of my donation?

A: Yes, all donations will be documented and a receipt will follow.

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