



UPDATE REGARDING ARTISTS RELIEF FUND:

Following the decision of the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation to embark on a second round of COVID-19 relief for artists, the Provincial Arts and Culture Council (PACC) has started with the process.

The COVID-19 relief process was advertised with the closing date of 31 March 2021. By the closing date, 948 applications were received by PACC which, as alluded above, is administering and overseeing the process. Of the 948 applications, 164 were duplicates and thus resulting in an actual total number of 784 applications. Out of this actual total of 784 applications, 692 are compliant with the set minimum requirements as issued in the advertisement for this process. 92 applications were therefore not compliant.

In terms of demographics, of the 692 compliant applications: 448 are males and 244 are females; 674 are black, 16 are coloureds and 2 are white. 18 applications were received from People with Disabilities.

PACC is meeting on 08 May 2021 to start with the process of verifications and evaluation of the 692 applications based on criteria that was advertised. Once the verification and evaluation process is finalized by PACC payments to qualifying individuals will be undertaken by the Council (PACC).

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The list of successful applicants will be published on various platforms by the PACC. After publication of the list individual artists will be given an opportunity to enquire and appeal if they are not satisfied with the outcome. A period of 15 days from the date of publication of the list will be provided for enquiries and appeals to be conducted. The same email address utilized for submitting applications will be used for submission of appeals.

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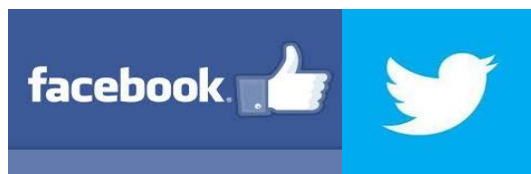
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