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## **THE B.B. KING MUSEUM RECEIVES MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION GRANT**

**(Jackson, Miss)** – B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretative Center of Indianola, has been awarded a \$19,400 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC). This grant is a portion of the \$1.3 million in grants the Commission will award in 2020-2021 and will be used to support the B.B. museum operations. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

*“At a time when the arts community is still very much reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are truly delighted to be able to provide grant funding to worthy organizations across the state,” said Malcolm White, executive director of MAC. “We applaud and are proud to support the efforts these organizations have made to keep the arts alive in their communities.”*

The B. B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, is dedicated to the establishment of a museum (and Delta Interpretive Center) honoring B. B. King. Through the story of B.B. King, the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center empowers, unites and heals through music, art and education and shares with the world the rich cultural heritage of the Mississippi Delta. The Museum sees its role not just as preserver of history, but also as a place for the community to convene to discuss, learn, explore important issues and have fun together.

The Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, serves the residents of the state by providing grants that support programs to enhance communities; assist artists and arts organizations; promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi’s cultural heritage. Established in 1968, the Mississippi Arts Commission is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Mississippi Endowment for the Arts at the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson and other private sources. The arts education. For information from the Mississippi Arts Commission, contact Anna Ehr Gott, Communications Director, 601-359-6546 or [aehtgott@arts.ms.gov](mailto:aehtgott@arts.ms.gov).