

In 2020 the theatre industry came to a screeching halt due to restrictions put on them from the government due to Covid-19. With the closing of theatres came the loss of thousands of jobs. Our theatre is a combination event venue/theatre that houses educational theatre (local schools use our space for their productions, as well as our in-house theatre company who teaches children the art of acting and all things that go with putting on a production), community film screenings, movie nights, church services, conferences and so much more. To successfully run even the smallest movie night we have to have 6 employees on board. Currently our county has opened up in the high-risk category and with the regulations and the number of guests we are allowed in our space, it is not feasible to open our doors as of now. Even if we sell out at the 50 person mark, that we are currently allowed being in a high risk category, that will not begin to cover the costs. Grants from our government would allow us to start to open even at the smaller capacity numbers and would allow us to bring some of our employees back to work. Funding would also allow us to keep up with the ever-changing requirements that are being implemented in order to even open your doors. With a theatre our size and the mandates, we would have to employ extra staff for cleaning and monitoring during any event. Funding from grants would enable our venue and many others in the state to open back up safely and allow for jobs to be reinstated, educational groups to gather (safely) and film screenings/movies to begin again. The need is so great that at this point we are grasping at straws to keep the tops of our heads above water. Thank you for listening to our concerns and needs.