

**CHICAGO  
FEDERATION  
OF  
MUSICIANS**

**M**usic  
**H**elping  
**A**ll  
**R**ecover  
**T**ogether

**PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

# M-HART

## Music- Helping All Recover Together

### Mission

M-HART is an initiative of The Chicago Federation of Musicians created to present live music as an integral part of the emotional and economic recovery of both greater Chicago and our own members. We are working with local governments, businesses, neighborhood and philanthropic organizations, and labor unions to identify funding sources and outdoor locations to present small-scale, socially distanced public performances. With an emphasis on minority and under-served communities, our goal is to reinstate live music as an essential, healing aspect of civic life.

### Funding

The Chicago Federation of Musicians has provided \$20,000 in seed money for the M-HART initiative. Additional funding is being sought from a variety of sources.

100% of funds raised will be used to compensate participating professional musicians of the CFM at the Community Service Wage Scale.

### Safe Locations

We will work with local government, the Chicago Police Department, our funding partners and community organizations to identify public spaces where **safe, socially distanced performances** can be shared free-of-charge with the public as the city resumes moderate social and business activity during Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan.

Performers will display signage to remind listeners to keep adequate distance from each other. Additionally, musicians will stop playing if the number of people gathered is too large to accommodate safe distancing. Music will resume once safe distancing is restored. We will seek advice from, and coordination with the CAPS program of the Chicago Police Department in the planning of safety protocols.

Musicians will set up in shaded areas or have a cover/canopy provided by the venue. Some groups may require electricity, but amplification will be minimal and acoustic ensembles will be encouraged.

## Diversity

Our ensembles will reflect a diverse cross-section of our membership. All styles of music will be sought in order to represent the needs and preferences of Chicago's various communities. All performers will be treated fairly, equally, and with respect.

## Therapeutic Science

The Chicago Federation of Musicians is being advised by Dr. Borna Bonakdarpour, Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. A goal of the program is to present music as therapy for a city that has experienced significant disruption and trauma. More than simply acknowledging this, we are actively pursuing a scientific approach to fully embrace the recovery aspect of Music, Helping All Recover Together.

## Endorsements

Chicago Federation of Labor  
Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25<sup>th</sup> Ward  
United Way  
CAPS, 25<sup>th</sup> District, Chicago Police Department

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