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New York Foundation for the Arts often receives calls from artists requesting information on emergency grants to serve financial need or an emergency such as bereavement or illness

Please check the organizations' websites or call to get the latest programmatic information and eligibility requirements. Scroll down for discipline-specific resources.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESOURCES

[4 Culture Cultural Relief Fund](#) (King County, WA) - Grants up to \$2,000 are available for emergencies related to the COVID-19 virus and to support the creative responses cultural workers offer in times of crisis.

[American Documentary Artist Emergency Fund](#) - This COVID-19 Artist Emergency Fund will provide rapid response grants up to \$500 to assist artists with basic needs including food, immediate health needs and insurance premiums. Artist must demonstrate need and a professional relationship to documentary filmmaking.

[Anonymous Was A Woman \(AWAW\) Emergency Relief Grant](#) - The program will distribute \$250,000 in unrestricted grants, up to \$2,500 apiece, to artists who have experienced financial hardship from loss of income or opportunity as a direct result of the COVID-19 crisis. Open to women-identifying visual artists over the age of 40 in the United States and territories.

[Artist + Activist Relief Fund](#) - This fund, created by The Soze Foundation, TaskForce and Invisible Hand, will support artists and activists whose work has been impacted by COVID-19. **Currently not accepting new applications; artists may join a waiting list should more funds become available.**

[Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund](#) - The Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund is intended to help those pursuing careers as artists or arts administrators whose income has been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This fund is for those who self-identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color).

[Arts for Illinois Relief Fund](#) (Illinois) - A statewide effort that provides financial relief to artists and arts organizations with urgent need due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through AIRF, 3Arts will issue \$1,500 unrestricted, one-time grants to as many eligible artists as possible, given the total funding available.

[Arts Greensboro Emergency Relief Fund](#) (Greensboro, NC) - For any artist in need of support due to cancellations from the outbreak of COVID-19. This fund is a money-in, money-out fund. ArtsGreensboro will disperse funds weekly, based on the amount donated. This fund is directed to working artists, not organizations or nonprofits.

[Artist Relief Project](#) - Anyone pursuing the arts as a career (any discipline, any level of experience) can request financial support from the Artist Relief Project, which will provide applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis with a one-time emergency stipend of \$200 and free resources and support to pursue alternative economic opportunities.

[Artist Relief Tree](#) - A relief fund for artists affected by cancellations due to COVID-19. Disbursements are currently on hold while the organization seeks more funds, but you may join a waitlist.

[The Atlanta Artist Lost Gig Fund](#) (Atlanta, GA) - This fund is open to arts workers of ANY discipline including arts administrators, visual artists, craft artisans, performing artists of all kinds, musicians, writers, and all others. You must have documentation of your agreement for work (contract, email agreement, etc.) and documentation of the cancellation during the time of the COVID-19 crisis in order to apply (email stating such from contractor, etc.).

[Behind the Scenes Grant](#) - Behind the Scenes will accept applications from anyone who has been hospitalized with Covid-19 and is in financial need. You may be eligible for a grant if you currently reside in the United States or Canada and have earned your living for at least five years in the entertainment technology industry. This means that your major source of income is from your work in this industry, which includes being directly involved with production: behind the scenes in any type of performance venue, or behind the camera, or on the road. It also includes working companies who are directly involved in supplying entertainment technology products and services such as dealers, manufacturers, production companies, consultants, and design firms. Performing artists are not eligible.

[Boston Music Maker Relief Fund](#) (Boston, MA) - The Record Co. has established a fund to provide financial relief to Boston area music makers experiencing lost income as the result of performance cancellations related to COVID-19. Small grants of up to \$200 will be paid rapidly on a first come, first served basis to affected artists and groups.

[Boston Singers' Relief Fund COVID-19 Emergency Relief](#) (Boston, MA) - The Boston Singers' Relief Fund is offering a streamlined application process for grants up to \$500. New England-based singers whose classical performances were cancelled due to concerns over COVID-19 are eligible to apply.

[Bridgesong Fund](#) (Western Massachusetts) - Emergency relief for western MA women, nonbinary, and genderqueer artists of color.

[Cambridge Artist Relief Fund](#) (Cambridge, MA) - Focused on lost income, current and into the foreseeable future, the Fund will provide one-time relief to arts organizations and artists who live, work, create, and/or perform in Cambridge. Only one grant per applicant is allowed.

[CCI San Francisco Arts & Artists Relief Fund](#) (San Francisco, CA) - An emergency relief fund to mitigate COVID-19 related financial losses that artists and small to mid-size arts and culture organizations have suffered.

[Chicago Theatre Workers Relief Fund](#) (Chicago, IL) - This Fund is intended to help replace lost income due to theatre closures. The Fund is available to all those who have had to stop work and are not getting paid, including those who were on contract, part-time employees and those working on a stipend that was not paid. Chicago area theatre professionals may apply for a grant of \$500 on a first-come first-served basis.

[City of Boston Artist Relief Fund](#) (Boston, MA) - The Boston Artist Relief Fund will award grants of \$500 and \$1,000 to individual artists who live in Boston whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

[City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs \(DCA\) - Arts Emergency Relief Fund](#) (Los Angeles, CA) -This program provides emergency relief grants to City of Los Angeles-based dance, music, and theatre artists, as well as small ensembles who have had their public performances, shows, or concerts cancelled. Solo artists are eligible for up to \$400 and ensembles up to \$1,200 to cover losses in time and/or materials that were committed toward events, which were to have taken place at a venue within the City of Los Angeles and were to be open to the general public.

[The Colorado Artist Relief Fund](#) (Colorado) -The fund will continue to provide grants of up to \$1,000 to individual artists who live in Colorado who are experiencing immediate unforeseen emergency needs due to COVID-19, and whose incomes are being adversely affected due to cancellation of events, classes, performances, and other creative work. Grants will be made on a rolling basis.

[Corona Arts Relief for Bexar County Artists, Texas](#) (Bexar County, TX) - Luminaria and the City of San Antonio's Department of Arts & Culture announce the Corona Arts Relief fund, which provides technical and professional development support for individual artists during the national CORONA / COVID-19 pandemic. This funding stream offers support for lost revenue or for the opportunity to engage in professional development. **The program will be paused after April 3, 2020 in order to match applicants with sufficient resources.**

[COVID-19 Artist Trust Relief Fund](#) (Washington State) - The COVID-19 Artist Trust Relief Fund provides rapid response grants supporting critical needs of artists whose livelihoods have been impacted by COVID-19. The grant is open to individual artists of all disciplines residing in Washington State.

[COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources](#) - An aggregated list of FREE resources, opportunities, and financial relief options available to artists of all disciplines.

[Creative Catalyst Fund](#) (Newark, NJ) - Grants to support the creative practice of artists who have shown exceptional creative ability and commitment to social impact through their work. Awarded funds may be used to cover any expenses related to the artist's practice, including but not limited to rent for studio/rehearsal space, supplies or equipment, or costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. There is no matching requirement.

[Creative Industry Relief Fund](#) (Fort Worth, TX) - Hear Fort Worth and Film Fort Worth with assistance from United Way of Tarrant County have established a creative industry relief fund to help support musicians, artists, performers and filmmakers who have lost work due to COVID-19.

[The Creator Fund](#) - Providing financial assistance to active creators who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. If you have medical, childcare, housing, or grocery needs, please apply for assistance.

[Crosshatch Artist Emergency Fund](#) (Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties, MI) - Funding for individual artists (not non-profits or institutions) who earn 33% or more of their income from their art, and who have lost income because of COVID-19 related cancellations.

[Culture Connects Coalition](#) (Santa Fe, NM) - Culture Connects Coalition is a fund to support arts and culture in all their expressions. In response to COVID-19 pandemic and to reduce its greater impact on the community, they have partnered with Lannan Foundation to form the Artist Relief Fund to help those artists most dramatically affected.

[Dallas Artist Relief Fund](#) (Dallas, TX) - Provides support for low-income, BIPOC, trans/GNC/NB/Queer artists and freelancers whose livelihoods are being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Dallas.

[Dance/NYC Coronavirus Dance Relief Fund](#) (New York City)- The purpose of the funding initiative is to mitigate the growing impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak on individual freelance dance workers and dance making organizations based in the metropolitan New York City area, particularly financial losses incurred due to the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and the social restriction measures implemented to contain the disease. **Applications currently closed and will reopen on April 10.**

[The Dance Union Podcast NYC Dancers Relief Fund \(COVID-19\)](#) (New York City) - This Fund will offer urgent relief to freelance dance artist that have suffered financial losses due to the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and the government enforced social restrictions.

[Durham Artist Relief Fund](#) (Durham, NC) - Providing assistance to artists and arts presenters in Durham who have been financially impacted by cancellations due to COVID-19, with priority given to BIPOC artists, transgender & nonbinary artists, and disabled artists.

[Emergency Relief Fund for Arizona Artists and Arts Professionals](#) (Arizona) - A collaborative fund for emergency support for working artists, teaching artists, production personnel, and arts-based contract workers who have experienced canceled events and residencies or terminated contracts as a result of the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic crisis.

[Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund](#) - The Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund was set up on short notice to provide direct financial assistance to musicians who have lost work as a result of Corona-related event cancellations.

[Facebook Small Business Grants Program](#) - Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where they operate.

[Federal Disaster Loans for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners, and Renters](#) - List of regions with current declared disasters who are eligible for federal assistance.

[Freelancer COVID-19 Emergency Fund](#) - If you're a creative freelancer who has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 virus and resulting public response, you can apply for temporary assistance through the fund. **Currently closed, but policies will be reviewed and updated regularly.**

[Freelancers Union Freelancers Relief Fund](#) - Freelancers Relief Fund will offer financial assistance of up to \$1,000 per freelance household to cover lost income and essential expenses not covered by government relief programs, including food/food supplies; utility payments; cash assistance to cover income loss.

[Fulcrum Fund](#) (Artists based within an 80-mile radius of Albuquerque, NM) - \$60,000 in emergency relief grants, providing \$1,000 to 60 local artists who have lost income as a result of cancellations due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

[Futures Fund: Emergency Relief for Artists](#) (St. Louis, MO) - The Luminary, in partnership with the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, is offering immediate artist emergency grants totaling \$60,000 for artists and arts organizers in the St. Louis region.

[Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund](#) (Atlanta, GA) - United Way of Greater Atlanta's 2-1-1 Contact Center is helping address the negative impacts of the coronavirus in the communities. Call if you need assistance and check the website if you are able to donate to the fund.

[Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council](#) (Greater Pittsburgh, PA) - The Emergency Fund for Artists will now provide up to \$500 in assistance to artists experiencing loss of income due to the coronavirus outbreak. The Emergency Fund also remains available for other unforeseen emergencies that may impact your ability to work, such as flood, theft, or fire.

[Greater Columbus Arts Council COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grants for Artists](#) (Franklin County, OH) - The program is designed to assist artists of all disciplines living in Franklin County with the financial impacts of COVID-19.

[Idea Awards COVID-19 Response Grant Lottery](#) - You are eligible to enter the lottery for a grant of \$2500 from the Bret Adams & Paul Reisch Foundation if you are: a playwright, composer, lyricist, or librettist; have had a full professional production (defined for these purposes as a LORT, Off-Broadway, or Broadway full production, not a reading or workshop) of which you are a writer that was cancelled, closed, or indefinitely postponed due to the COVID-19 closures.

[Indie Theater Fund Rapid Relief GRANTS due to Covid19](#) (New York City) - Rapid relief grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to support the theater community, prioritizing the consortium of companies, venues, and individuals working in NYC independent theater (Off-Off-Broadway in theater houses of 99 seats or less), operating with budgets under \$250,000.

[Indy Arts COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund](#) (Indiana) - The Indy Arts & Culture COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund was created for individuals working in the arts sector and impacted by the current public health crisis. Primary concern is for the health and well being of individuals: specifically independent artists and staff working for small-to-midsize nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. This fund will provide rapid response \$500 grants to help bridge the severe lost wages that make many in our creative community vulnerable.

[Kincade Family Foundation Emergency Grant for Curators](#) - The program will provide one (1) one-time grant of up to \$5,000 for unexpected emergencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[LA Dance Emergency Fund](#) (Los Angeles, CA) - LA Dance Emergency Fund provides emergency relief to LA dancers and dance companies facing financial hardship caused by Greater Los Angeles dance performances/events cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants can receive up to \$500 with submission of appropriate application materials until MARCH 31st, 2020.

[Live From Our Living Rooms](#) - An online music festival and fundraiser where all proceeds will provide performance grants to New York City musicians whose freelance careers have been impacted by COVID-19.

[Mass Cultural Council COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals](#) (Massachusetts) - The purpose of the COVID-19 Relief Fund is to support individuals whose creative practices and incomes are adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Grants of \$1,000 will be available to Massachusetts individual artists and independent teaching artists/humanists/scientists who have lost income derived from their work as a direct result of COVID-19 related cancellations and closures.

[NC Artist Relief Fund](#) (North Carolina) - This fund has been created to support creative individuals who have been financially impacted by gig cancellations due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Scroll down the page for the Apply button.

[New Music Solidarity Fund](#) - The New Music Solidarity Fund is designed to help new/creative/improvised music freelancers whose livelihood has been threatened as a result of performances that have been canceled during the COVID-19 crisis.

[New Orleans Business Alliance Relief Fund for Gig Workers](#) (New Orleans, LA) - As a result of the anticipated local economic impact of COVID-19, the New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA) is standing up a relief fund to meet the needs of gig economy workers who have been directly impacted via loss of income.

[NYC Low-Income Artist/Freelancer Relief Fund](#) (New York City) - Provides support for low-income, BIPOC, trans/GNC/NB/Queer artists and freelancers whose livelihoods are being effected by this pandemic in NYC. Click here also if you'd like to donate to the fund.

[NYC Small Business Services: Assistance & Guidance for Businesses Impacted Due to Novel Coronavirus](#) (New York City) - The City will provide relief for small businesses across the City seeing a reduction in revenue because of COVID-19. Businesses with fewer than 100 employees who have seen sales decreases of 25% or more will be eligible for zero interest loans of up to \$75,000 to help mitigate losses in profit. The City is also offering small businesses with fewer than 5 employees a grant to cover 40% of payroll costs for two months to help retain employees.

[Oolite Arts Relief Fund for artists for COVID-19](#) (Miami-Dade County, FL) - Visual artists who live in Miami-Dade County can now request funds to compensate for the cancellation of specific, scheduled employment (whether in the cultural sector or not) or a professional artistic opportunity, including commissions and exhibitions.

[Philadelphia COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund](#) (Philadelphia, PA) - Providing some small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with immediate relief through a mix of grants and loans. **Applications currently closed and waiting for new funds to become available.**

[The Photographer Fund](#) - A \$25,000 fund to help photographers impacted by COVID-19. Assistance of up to \$500 per person will be offered at the organization's discretion to determine who gets the funds.

[Pillars Rapid Response Fund](#) - A fund to support the personal expenses of Muslim artists and activists whose livelihoods are being negatively impacted by this current moment. \$500 grants will be given to individuals through a short application process.

[Portland Area Artist Relief](#) (Portland Area, OR) - This fund is currently for freelance/independent artists residing in the Portland tri-county area only. The counties are Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington. This fund is not for arts organizations or nonprofits. **Applications paused temporarily.**

[Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund](#) - This fund is to help queer writers of color who have been financially impacted by the current COVID-19. Priority will be given to queer trans women of color and queer disabled writers of color.

[Recording Academy and MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) - The Recording Academy® and its affiliated charitable foundation MusiCares® have established the COVID-19 Relief Fund to help their peers in the music community affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

[Red Dirt Relief Fund COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program](#) (Oklahoma) - To be eligible for this aid, an individual must currently reside in Oklahoma and provide evidence he/she has been working the music industry for at least 5 years.

[The Safety Net Fund](#) (Bay Area, CA) - The Safety Net Fund is a non-profit designed to help support artists in the Bay Area during the COVID-19 crisis.

[Season of Concern Chicago](#) (Chicago, IL) - Season of Concern Chicago offers emergency assistance for any member of the Chicago theater community who is dealing with serious medical issues, including those that may result from COVID-19 infection. Proof of testing positive for the virus is required.

[Seattle Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund](#) (Puget Region in Washington State) - Hosted by Seattle Foundation, the COVID-19 Response Fund will provide flexible resources to organizations working with communities who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of the outbreak. The Fund is designed to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity to address all aspects of the outbreak as efficiently as possible.

[Singapore Unbound Relief Fund \(SURF\)](#) - Creative writers, whether they are Singapore citizens living anywhere in the world or Permanent Residents of Singapore, may apply for a USD200/SGD280 grant from SURF with no strings attached. This fund is specifically intended to help those in dire need of immediate help.

[Seattle Recovery Package](#) (Seattle, WA) - The initial support package is broken down into five components: Deferral of B&O Taxes; Assistance to Access SBA Loans; Expansion of Small Business Stabilization Fund; Relief for Utility Payments; and New Small Business Recovery Task Force.

[Theater Community Benevolent Fund](#) (Boston, MA) - Acknowledging the high potential of unexpected need within Boston's theatre community during these unprecedented times, TCBF will begin to review all COVID-19-related applications to the Fund on a weekly basis.

[TrickleUp](#) - An artists helping artists network. With 10,000 subscribers at \$10 a month, they can give \$10,000 to 10 different artists affected by the Covid-19 cancelations. And every month 10 new artists in need will get \$10,000. If the goal is surpassed, more people will get help.

[Twenty Summers Emergency Arts Fund](#) - An Emergency Arts Fund for artists (up to \$500) and arts organizations (up to \$1k) suffering from unexpected and unmanageable financial loss as a result of the Coronavirus.

[UNTITLED, ART Emergency Fund](#) (Bay Area, CA) - UNTITLED, ART have expanded the qualifications for the UNTITLED, ART Emergency Fund to include financial assistance for freelance, hourly, and wage working artists vulnerable to the economic standstill.

[VoxCorona](#) (Washington, DC) - Supporting Washington, DC area vocalists whose primary source of income comes from contract work, much of which has been canceled as arts organizations shutter operations in the wake of COVID-19.

[Wherewithal Grants](#) (Washington, DC) - In March 2020, The Warhol Foundation authorized its re-granting partners to re-allocate their \$100,000 grants to create and administer COVID-19 emergency relief funds in their communities. WPA has responded to this by providing two separate opportunities: Recovery Grants and Research Grants.

[WomenArts Directory of Emergency Grants](#)

[Women's Center for Creative Work COVID-19 Emergency Health Grant For Artists](#) (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, CA) - Low-income artists who work in any genre or medium, who identify as a woman, as trans or nonbinary, and/or as a person of color, who live in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside or San Bernardino Counties are eligible to apply.

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EMERGENCY PROJECT FUNDS

[Foundation for Contemporary Arts](#)

Emergency Grants (\$500-\$2,500) are available by application to U.S.-based artists in all disciplines who have sudden opportunities or unexpected expenses to present work to the public. Artists should apply 6-8 weeks before funding is needed for last-minute support. For guidelines and more information please visit their website. [Applications are accepted through an online form](#)

Artists seeking relief for a canceled performance or exhibition due to COVID-19 may apply for \$1,000 grants here.

Email: grants@contemporary-arts.org

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[Erie Arts & Culture, Emergency Financial Assistance Fund](#)

Through Erie Arts & Culture's newly formed Emergency Financial Assistance Fund, creative and cultural professionals, which includes artists of all disciplines, who have experienced a disruption to their income stream can request up to \$500 in assistance from Erie Arts & Culture. Awarded funds can be used to assist with basic living expenses, such as housing, utilities, or groceries. The objective is to provide financial support in moments of crisis to those in the sector who are experiencing financial hardship.

[Freedimensional](#)

Distress Services are intended for activists and culture workers in situations of distress as a result of their professional work. Distress situations may include verbal threats, imprisonment or legal persecution, violent attack, professional or social exclusion, or harassment. Services include a safe haven program, emergency grants, and referrals to other resources.

Email: inquiry@freedimensional.org

[The Haven Foundation](#)

The Haven Foundation gives financial assistance to provide temporary support needed to safeguard and sustain the careers of established freelance artists, writers, and other members of

the arts and art production communities who have suffered disabilities or experienced a career-threatening illness, accident, natural disaster or personal catastrophe.

Contact: [email form on website](#)

J. Happy Delpech Foundation - Midwest

Grants of up to \$250 to artists in the Midwest with AIDS or serious illness.

Mailing Address:

J. Happy Delpech Foundation

1579 North Milwaukee, Suite 211

Chicago, IL 60622

Telephone: (312) 342-1359

[Martha Kate Thomas Fund for Artists](#)

The Martha Kate Thomas Fund for Artists was established in 2013 through a legacy gift to the Community Foundation Serving Boulder County. Grants from this fund will be awarded to artists who live or work in Boulder County and meet any one or more of these priority groups: artists with unforeseen needs due to special circumstances, Artists of Color, artists with disabilities, Indigenous artists, New generation artists (18-30 years old). Grant awards will not exceed \$3000. Art forms can include but are not limited to: Music, Theater, Dance, Film/Video, Literature, and Visual Art.

[Max's Kansas City Project - New York State](#)

The Max's Kansas City Project provides Emergency Relief and Resources to financially distressed individuals in the arts for housing, medical, and legal aid through one-time grants between \$500-\$1000. These grants are limited to New York State residents and to those who were associated with Max's Kansas City, the New York City restaurant/bar/club formerly located on Park Avenue South.

PO Box 4431

Kingston, NY 12401

Telephone: (845) 481-3416

Email: maxskc@aol.com

[Mayer Foundation](#)

The Mayer Foundation offers economic relief grants to needy individuals who are distressed or suffering as a result of poverty, low income or lack of financial resources.

Email: mayerfoundation@hotmail.com

[The Pollock-Krasner Foundation](#)

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation's dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and financial need. The Foundation's mission is to aid individuals who have worked as professional artists over a significant period of time.

[Springboard Emergency Relief Fund - Minnesota](#)

Springboard's Emergency Relief Fund exists to help meet the emergency needs of artists living in Minnesota who are in need of immediate monies to cover an expense due to loss from fire, theft, health emergency, or other catastrophic, career-threatening event. Artists may apply for up to \$500. Payment is made directly to the creditor, not the artist.

As part of their response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, they have expanded the guidelines to include lost income due to the cancellation of a specific, scheduled gig or opportunity (i.e. commissions, performances, contracts) due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 precautionary measures. Artists can request up to \$500 to compensate for canceled work that was scheduled and lost. At this time the fund is not available to compensate for future gigs or potential loss of business. Springboard for the Arts has committed an additional \$10,000 from their budget to support this effort and is committed to working with partners to increase the fund based on demand.

Telephone: (651) 292-4381

E-mail: ERF@springboardforthearts.org

[Tamarack Foundation Emergency Relief Program](#)

If you are an artist that has been directly affected by a significant disaster such as flood, fire, or emergency medical needs, you may be eligible for the Tamarack Emergency Relief Program. The foundation offers grants and bridge loans of up to \$5,000 for artist businesses on a rolling basis to help with these events. These funds are available to artists juried into the Tamarack: The Best of West Virginia retail facility in Beckley, WV.

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[American Poets Fund](#)

The fund assists poets of demonstrated ability who are in a state of urgent financial need. Grants cannot be used to promote or otherwise enhance literary talent or reputation, and applications are not accepted. Academy Chancellors, Fellows, and prize winners must bring the circumstances of qualifying poets to the attention of the American Poets Fund committee by sending a letter of nomination, including specifics about the nominee's current financial situation, to the Executive Director of the Academy.

[American Society of Journalists & Authors](#)

The mission of the Writers Emergency Assistance Fund is to help established freelance writers who, because of advanced age, illness, disability, a natural disaster, or an extraordinary professional crisis are unable to work. A writer need not be a member of ASJA to qualify for a grant. However, applicants must establish a record of past professional freelance nonfiction writing over a sustained period of years, which means qualifications generally similar to those of ASJA members. WEAFF does not award grants to beginning freelancers seeking funding for writing projects, nor does it fund works-in-progress of any kind.

Telephone: (212) 997-0947

Fax: (212) 937-2315

Email: weafapp@asja.org

[Authors League Fund](#)

The Authors League Fund helps professional writers and dramatists who find themselves in financial need because of medical or health-related problems, temporary loss of income or other misfortune. The Fund gives open-ended, interest-free, no-strings-attached loans. These loans are not grants or scholarships meant to subsidize personal writing projects.

Telephone: (212) 268-1208

Email: staff@authorsleaguefund.org

[The Book Industry Charitable \(Binc\) Foundation](#)

The Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation financial assistance program helps booksellers with specific unforeseen emergency financial needs. The Foundation assesses each request to determine a course of action to provide relief to the bookseller. All grants are paid to third-party vendors and not directly to the bookseller. **Binc is also offering an [Expedited Application for COVID-19 Emergency](#). This application is for individual assistance only. If you are an owner requesting assistance for your bookstore please email help@bincfoundation.org.**

Telephone: 866-733-9064

Email: info@bincfoundation.org

[Carnegie Fund for Authors](#)

The Carnegie Fund offers grants-in-aid to qualified commercially published book authors who have suffered financial emergency as a result of illness or injury (their own or that of spouses or dependent children) or who have suffered some equivalent misfortune. Grant amounts vary according to need.

[Contact via form on website.](#)

[Clayton Memorial Medical Fund - Pacific Northwest](#)

The fund helps professional science fiction, fantasy, horror, and mystery writers living in the Pacific Northwest states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska deal with the financial burden of medical expenses. The fund generally follows the standards of [Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America \(SFWA\)](#) for Active or Associate membership in determining professional status.

Email: clayton@osfci.org

[Human Rights/Hellman-Hammett Grants](#)

Human Rights Watch administers the Hellman/Hammett grant program for writers who have been victims of political persecution and are in financial need. Hellman/Hammett grants typically range from \$1,000 to a maximum of \$10,000. The grants are awarded annually after the nominations have been reviewed by a selection committee composed of authors, editors, and journalists who have a longstanding interest in free expression issues. Nomination forms (available online) should be sent to the New York office of Human Rights Watch by February 15 annually.

Telephone: (212) 290-4700

Email: hhgrants@hrw.org

[The PEN Writers Fund](#)

Emergency fund for professional--published or produced--writers with serious financial difficulties. Grants up to \$2,000. Writers do not have to be a Member of PEN American Center to receive a grant.

[The PEN Fund for Writers and Editors with HIV/AIDS](#)

The PEN Fund for Writers and Editors with HIV/AIDS, administered under the PEN Writers' Emergency Fund, gives grants of up to \$2,000 to professional writers and editors who face serious financial difficulties because of HIV or AIDS-related illness.

Email: feprogram@pen.org

[Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America Emergency Medical and Legal Fund](#)

The SFWA Emergency Medical Fund offers interest-free loans to members facing unexpected medical expenses. Active SFWA members are eligible to request assistance from the Fund.

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[Ad Relief of Greater Los Angeles](#)

Ad Relief of Greater Los Angeles (formerly the Advertising Industry Emergency Fund) has been established to provide aid and to promote the raising of monies for aid in times of need to members of the Southern California advertising and promotions industry and their families. Persons eligible for aid must have been employed for a continuous period of one year by an advertising or promotions entity within the Greater Los Angeles area.

Telephone: (310) 397-7830

[Email via form on website.](#)

[Broadcasters' Foundation](#)

The Broadcasters Foundation of America provides Emergency & Disaster Grants to radio and television broadcasters find themselves in acute financial need and do not have insurance to cover their losses after a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, tornado or wildfire, extreme flooding, house fire, or other serious misfortune.

Telephone: (212) 373-8250

Email: info@thebfoa.org

[Directors Guild Foundation](#)

The DGF provides no interest, confidential loans to Guild members in good standing who are in need of emergency financial assistance. This program allows members to maintain their privacy by ensuring their anonymity during a difficult time.

Telephone: (310) 289-2037

Email: ejones@dga.org

[Motion Picture and Television Fund](#)

MPTF offers a number of services for members of the entertainment industry and their families including: crisis support with social workers, financial assistance, low-cost basic medical services, health insurance premium support, senior housing and support, daycare, and referrals to other service providers.

Telephone Toll-Free: 855-760-MPTF (6783)

Email: info@MPTF.com

[Screen Actors Guild Foundation](#)

The SAG Foundation provides assistance to eligible SAG-AFTRA members during times of crisis and personal need, offering emergency financial aid, as well as grants for health coverage in cases of catastrophic injury or illness or need for COBRA coverage.

Telephone: Davidson Lloyd, Director of Assistance Programs: (323) 549-6773

[Email via form on website](#)

[Screen Actors Guild Motion Picture Players Welfare Fund \(MPPWF\)](#)

The Motion Picture Players Welfare Fund serves SAG-AFTRA members in the New York region and all Locals East of Omaha, Nebraska. The MPPWF is designed to assist eligible members who are struggling with a financial, personal or medical crisis. Financial assistance is available for rent, utilities, mental health and medical care as well as other basic living expenses. Administered by the Actors Fund, offering access to their services as well.

Telephone: New York : (212) 221-7300, Ext. 119; Chicago: (312) 372-0989; All others: (800) 221-7303; For emergencies only on evenings and weekends: (212) 621-7780

[Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Assistance Fund \(MPPAF\)](#)

The Pioneers Assistance Fund (MPPAF) serves members of the motion picture entertainment industry (exhibition, distribution and trade services) who are encountering an illness, injury or life changing event. Services include temporary financial aid for emergency needs, monthly stipends for frail or disabled low income senior veterans, and social service counseling.

Telephone: (888) 994-3863

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[American Federation of Musicians \(AFM\): Lester Petrillo Memorial Fund](#)

The Lester Petrillo Memorial Fund for Disabled Musicians provides a modest grant to temporarily or permanently disabled musicians who are members of the AFM.

Telephone: (212) 869-1330 ext. 224

[American Guild of Musical Artists Relief Fund](#)

The American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) Relief Fund provides support and temporary financial assistance to members who are in need. AGMA contracts with The Actors Fund to

administer this program nationally as well as to provide comprehensive social services. Financial assistance is available for rent, utilities, mental health and medical care, as well as other basic living expenses. Grants are made case-by-case, based on need. **Through March 31, due to the devastating toll COVID-19 has taken on their members, the AGMA Relief Fund will temporarily double the cap of financial assistance available to AGMA members in need.**

Telephone: East Coast: (212) 221-7300, Ext. 119; Midwest: (312) 372-0989; West Coast: (323) 933-9244, Ext. 55. For emergencies on evenings and weekends only: 212-621-7780

Email: East Coast: intakeny@actorsfund.org; Midwest: dtowne@actorsfund.org; West Coast: intakela@actorsfund.org

[Bagby Foundation for Musical Arts](#)

The Foundation offers small grants to support opera and classical music professionals, with a focus on pensioners.

Telephone: (212) 986-6094

[Bluegrass Trust Fund](#)

If you are or have been a professional in the business of bluegrass and are in a time of emergency need, you may apply here for assistance from the Bluegrass Trust Fund. Each request for assistance is judged on its own merits and should demonstrate a financial emergency or circumstance involving dire need. There is no limit to the amount an applicant may request, but grants have generally ranged from \$500.00 to \$5000.00.

[Blues Foundation HART Fund](#)

The Blues Foundation has established the HART Fund (Handy Artists Relief Trust) for Blues musicians and their families in financial need due to a broad range of health concerns. The Fund provides for acute, chronic and preventive medical and dental care as well as funeral and burial expenses.

Telephone: 901-527-2583, Ext. 10

Email: elizabeth@blues.org

[California Jazz Foundation](#)

To request a Financial Assistance Application or an Emergency Medical Referral, applicant must show at least 5 years of primary employment as a jazz artist and California residency.

[Grand Ole Opry Trust Fund](#)

The Opry Trust Fund provides financial assistance in time of extraordinary need, emergency or catastrophe to individuals who are or have been employed full time in a facet of the country music industry (i.e. performer, songwriter, publisher, radio, session musician, etc.). Examples of distribution needs include: medical bills, living expenses, rent or mortgage, and utilities. The Opry Trust Fund accepts referrals from individuals within the country music community, including Opry members, as well as from other charitable organizations, such as MusiCares and the Performers Benefit Fund.

Telephone: 1-800-SEE-OPRY

[Jazz Foundation of America](#)

The Housing and Emergency Assistance program provides jazz and blues artists with an experienced social worker to assess his/her situation and provide rapid assistance including financial support, legal services, housing counseling, and more.

Telephone: (212) 245-3999

Email: info@jazzfoundation.org

[Music Maker Relief Foundation](#)

The Musical Sustenance Program offers emergency funds, monthly living stipends, and assistance in obtaining social services to artists working in the Southern musical tradition, focusing on those 55 years or older with an annual income of \$18,000 or less.

Telephone: (919) 643-2456

Email: 411@musicmaker.org

[MusiCares Foundation](#)

MusiCares provides a safety net of critical assistance for music people in times of need. MusiCares' services and resources cover a wide range of financial, medical and personal emergencies, including addiction resources.

Telephone: West Coast: (800) 687-4227; Central: (877) 626-2748; Northeast: (877) 303-6962

[Musicians' Emergency Relief Fund](#)

The Local 802 Musicians' Emergency Relief Fund is a non-profit 501(c)(3) administered by the Musicians' Assistance Program (MAP). A New York State licensed social worker provides confidential social services to members and their families. It is funded by the Musicians' ERF and administered by the Actors Fund.

[Musicians Emergency Resource Foundation - Kentucky & Southern Indiana](#) MERF grants financial and resource assistance to Kentuckiana (select counties in Kentucky and Southern Indiana) music industry professionals in times of need and emergency crisis.

[Email Form Online](#)

[Musicians Foundation](#)

The Musicians Foundation assists professional musicians (who have worked at least 5 years) with grants for medical and allied living expenses in the case of emergency situations.

Telephone: (212) 239-9137

E-mail: info@musiciansfoundation.org

[Pinetop Perkins Foundation – Pinetop Assistance League \(PAL\) for Elder Musicians](#)

Provides financial assistance to elderly musicians for medical and living expenses. The Pinetop Assistance League does not disburse funds direct to individuals. Payments are made by check to the creditor on your behalf.

[Rhythm and Blues Foundation](#)

The fund provides financial and medical assistance to Rhythm & Blues artists of the 1940s through the 1970s.

Telephone and Fax: (800) 980-5208

Email: rhythmandbluesfoundation@gmail.com

[Sweet Relief Musicians Fund](#)

Sweet Relief Musicians Fund provides financial assistance to all types of career musicians who are struggling to make ends meet while facing illness, disability, or age-related problems. Sweet Relief offers assistance to all who reach out. While financial grants may not be available to every applicant, other resources information, counseling and financial services are additional options each artist may take advantage of.

Telephone: (888) 955-7880

Email: info@sweetrelief.org

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[Actors Fund of America](#)

The Actors Fund assists those working in theater, film, television, radio, music, dance, opera and circus. The Fund offers a broad spectrum of programs including comprehensive social services, health care services, employment and training, and housing. Programs are administered through offices in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, and eligibility varies by program.

Telephone: (212) 221-7300

Email: info@actorsfund.org

[American Guild of Variety Artists \(AGVA\)](#)

AGVA offers its current and previous members emergency aid through the AGVA Sick & Relief Fund.

Telephone: (212) 675-1003, Ext. 102

[The Dancers' Fund](#)

The Dancers' Fund provides short-term financial assistance to Chicago dance professionals in times of critical health need.

Telephone: (312) 922-5812

Email: info@chicagodancersunited.org

[Dancers' Resource](#)

The Dancers' Resource was created in response to the unique situation dancers face due to the physically demanding nature of their work, coupled with the significant financial challenges of earning a living in dance. Support includes counseling, healthcare referrals, educational seminars, emergency financial assistance, and more.

Telephone: Eastern Region : (212) 221-7300, Ext. 119; Central Region: (312) 372-0989, Western Region: (323) 933-9244, Ext. 455

Email: Eastern Region: cdryury@actorsfund.org; Central Region: shaught@actorsfund.org; Western Region: intakela@actorsfund.org

[Dramatists Guild Fund](#)

The Dramatists Guild Fund awards one-time emergency grants to individual playwrights, lyricists and composers in need of temporary financial assistance due to unexpected illness or extreme hardship. To be considered for personal grant, you must have had a play or musical either presented for a paying audience anywhere in the United States or Canada, and/or published by a legitimate publishing/licensing company; or be an active member of The Dramatists Guild.

Telephone: (212) 391-8384

Email: info@dgf.org

[Episcopal Actors Guild of America](#)

To apply to the EAG Emergency Aid & Relief Program, which offers grants for financial need, the primary determining criterion for eligibility is that the applicant be a professional performing artist who is pursuing an established and ongoing career in the performing arts. Theatre performers who perform live onstage before a live audience are the primary focus of the program.

Telephone: (212) 685-2927

Email: karen@actorsguild.org

[HOWL Emergency Life Project \(HELP\)](#)

The Howl Emergency Life Project was created to provide emergency financial assistance and social service support to artists who have participated in the annual Howl Festival or who make their careers in New York City's East Village and Lower East Side arts community and whose work challenges the traditional boundaries of dance, theatre, music, multimedia and the spoken word. Eligibility for the financial assistance program requires an application, documentation of professional earnings and an interview.

New York City Contact: 212.221.7300, ext. 119 or intakeny@actorsfund.org

Chicago Contact: 312.372.0989 or shaught@actorsfund.org

Los Angeles Contact: 323.933.9244, ext. 455 or intakela@actorsfund.org

[Renaissance Entertainers, Services, and Crafters United Foundation \(RESCU\)](#)

The RESCU Foundation was established to promote and maintain the health and medical well-being of the participants of Renaissance Fairs, historical performances and other artistic events through several programs including financial assistance and counseling for emergency medical needs.

Telephone: (800) 374-9215

Email: assistance@RESCUfoundation.org

[Theatre Bay Area](#)

The Mary Mason Lemonade Fund is a confidential resource for San Francisco Bay Area theatre practitioners with terminal or life-threatening illnesses who are in need of supplemental financial assistance to improve the quality of their lives as they deal with medical conditions.

Mailing Address:

Telephone: (415) 430-1140, Ext. 14

Email: dale@theatrebayarea.org

[TheatreWashington Taking Care of Our Own - Washington, DC](#)

Taking Care of Our Own is an initiative of theatreWashington to assist currently active Washington, DC area theatre professionals and artists in personal emergency situations.

Telephone: Michael Kyrioglou at (202) 337-4572

Email: mkyrioglou@theatrewashington.org

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[Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Inc.](#)

The Emergency Assistance Program provides interim financial assistance to qualified artists whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation. An applicant must be able to demonstrate a minimum involvement of ten years in a mature phase of his or her work in the disciplines of painting, sculpture or printmaking. The maximum amount of this grant is \$15,000; an award of \$5,000 is typical.

Telephone: (212) 226-0581

Email: sross@gottliebfoundation.org

[Artists' Benevolence Fund - Laguna Beach, CA](#)

The Artists' Benevolence Fund by the [Sawdust Art & Craft Festival](#) provides financial assistance to working artists who live in Laguna Beach and have suffered a catastrophic event that has resulted in financial hardship.

Telephone: For additional information, please contact the Benevolence Fund Trustees: Linda Grossman 949-770-2244, Monica Prado 949-338-4073, Larry Gill 949-235-1121, or Gavin Heath 949-395-4976

[The Artists' Charitable Fund](#)

The Artists' Charitable Fund assists United States visual artists facing financial crisis due to medical, dental, flood, fire, or other catastrophes by paying a portion of medical/eye/dental bills directly to the provider.

Telephone: Judy Archibald, Fund Coordinator, (970) 577-0509

Email: cnynsprt@aol.com

[Artists' Fellowship, Inc.](#)

The Artists' Fellowship, Inc. is a private, charitable foundation that assists professional fine artists (painters, graphic artists, sculptors) and their families in times of emergency, disability, or bereavement.

Telephone: (212) 255-7740 Ext. 216

Email: info@artistsfellowship.org

[CERF+ \(Craft Emergency Relief Fund\)](#)

CERF+ emergency relief for artists working in craft disciplines includes grants, no-interest loans, access to resources, waivers and discounts on booth fees, and donations of craft supplies and equipment. One of the eligibility requirements is having had a recent career-threatening emergency such as serious illness, injury, or significant loss from theft, fire, flood or other disaster.

Telephone: (802) 229-2306

Email: info@craftemergency.org

[Joan Mitchell Foundation Emergency Grant](#)

The Joan Mitchell Foundation provides emergency support to artists working in the mediums of painting, sculpture, and/or drawing after natural or manmade disasters that have affected a community. Artists who have suffered losses due to catastrophic situations of this nature can apply to the Foundation for funding.

Telephone: (212) 524-0100

Email: grantsupport@joanmitchellfoundation.org

[Rauschenberg Emergency Grants](#)

The program will provide one-time grants of up to \$5,000 for unexpected medical emergencies. The grants are available to visual and media artists and choreographers who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents in the United States, District of Columbia, or U.S. Territories. If you aren't sure if your artistic discipline fits within these guidelines, please contact the grants administrator.

Email: emergencyfunds@nyfa.org

[Tamarack Artisan Foundation - West Virginia](#)

The Tamarack Artisan Relief Program (TARP) offers grants and low interest bridge loans to West Virginian artisans who have been directly affected by significant disasters such as destructive floods, fires, emergency medical needs, etc.

Telephone: (304) 926-3770

Email: renee@tamarackfoundation.org

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