



Emergency Resources for Artists & Freelancers

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDS

Listed alphabetically. We are monitoring these links regularly and will delete as opportunities close, and add new opportunities as they become available.

#Above4 Fund

In an effort to sustain black women's contributions in the art industry during the COVID -19, TILA Studios is launching a recurring monthly fund to support black women artists nationwide. Applicants may request amount up to \$500 per application. **Applications must be received by the 1st of every month.**

<https://www.tilastudios.com/>

The Actors Fund: Emergency Financial Assistance

NATIONAL

For members of the performing arts and entertainment industries--not just actors! Emergency financial assistance is available for people who are unable to pay basic living expenses (food/housing/health care) for the next two months. Eligibility varies by program.

<https://actorsfund.org/am-i-eligible-help>

Artist Relief

NATIONAL

Artist Relief will distribute \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19; serve as an ongoing informational resource; and co-launch the [COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers](#), designed by Americans for the Arts, to better identify and address the needs of artists.

<https://www.artistrelief.org/>

Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Fund

NATIONAL

Set up by the Arts Administrators of Color Network this fund supports US-based BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) artists AND administrators (consultants, facilitators, box office staff, seasonal/temporary employees, etc.) who have been financially impacted due to COVID-19 with \$200 mini grants.

<https://aacnetwork.org/>

Bay Area Arts Worker Relief Funds

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

The Bay Area Arts Worker Relief Funds are resources for arts workers who are facing a loss of income due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. This application, administered by Independent Arts & Media, is specifically for people working within the visual, literary, media, film and video arts.

<https://www.artsandmedia.net/bay-area-relief-application/>

Behind the Scenes Basic Needs Grant

Financial assistance to people who have worked for 5+ years in the entertainment technology industry (and their immediate families) who have been hospitalized with Covid-19.

<https://wp.behindthescenescharity.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

NEW! City of San José Coronavirus Relief Fund: Artists

A partnership between the City of San José Office of Cultural Affairs and the Center for Cultural Innovation, San José Fund: Artists is distributing \$208,000 in the form of grants up to \$2,000 to help mitigate COVID-19 related financial impacts suffered by individual artists who are the backbone to the City's diversity and vibrancy of cultural identity and expression. San José Fund is a reimbursement-based fund made possible by federal funding resulting from the United States CARES Act, which was allocated by the State of California to the City of San José.

Apply by September 29.

https://www.cciarts.org/San_Jose_Relief_Fund.html

COVID-19 Musicians' Emergency Fund

The Jazz Foundation of America gives jazz and blues musicians direct financial support for basic living expenses.

<https://jazzfoundation.org/covid19fund/>

Dramatists Guild COVID-19 Emergency Grant

For dramatists (playwrights, composers, lyricists, librettists) to apply for emergency financial assistance from the Dramatists Guild Foundation due to Covid-19 related circumstances.

<https://dramatistsguildfoundation.submittable.com/submit/164145/covid-19-emergency-grants>

Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund

Assisting musicians whose gigs and events were canceled due to COVID-19. Applications are open, however there is currently a delay in the distribution of funds, given the overwhelming requests for assistance.

<https://equalsound.org/musicians-corona-relief-fund-application/>

Foundation for Contemporary Arts COVID-19 Relief Fund

NATIONAL

One-time \$1,000 grants to artists who have had performances or exhibitions canceled or postponed because of the COVID-19 virus. **Ends on November 30, 2020.**

<https://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grants/emergency-grants-covid-19-fund>

Hardly Strictly Music Relief Fund

BAY AREA

Eligible applicants in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sonoma counties can apply for unrestricted grants up to \$2,000 to address urgent financial needs resulting from the impact of COVID-19. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, in partnership with the Alliance for California Traditional Arts and Center for Cultural Innovation, encourages musicians of traditional forms from all cultures to apply for support! **Applications are due September 14 at 5 p.m. PST.**

<https://www.actaonline.org/program/hardly-strictly-music-relief-fund/>

L.A. Art Workers Relief Fund

LOS ANGELES

A community effort to provide \$1,000 emergency grants to LA-based art industry workers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including arts administrators, educators, and workers in maintenance, art installation, security, visitor services, fabrication, etc. **Round Two opens September 20.**

<https://laartworkersrelieffund.org/apply-1>

L.A. Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund

The LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund will deploy \$3 million in grants available at \$5,000 or \$15,000 to micro-entrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofits. There are 6 total rounds, with finalists notified after each round. **Round 4.5 (nonprofits only) opens 9/21; Round 5 opens 10/5.**

<https://www.lacovidfund.org/grants>

MHA COVID-19/Tornado Relief Grant

Emergency financial assistance for music professionals who are unable to pay their basic living expenses (health insurance/food/health care) over the next two months.

<https://www.musichealthalliance.com/covid-19-resources/>

MPTF COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

The Motion Picture and Television Fund connects people in the entertainment industry with temporary financial assistance for needs created or complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including health insurance, mental health assistance, rent, food, and other essentials.

<https://mptf.com/covid-19-relief-funds/>

OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund

ORANGE COUNTY, CA

Support for Individual Artists and Arts Organizations.

<https://tinyurl.com/CCI-emergency-resources>

<https://charitableventuresoc.org/resilience-fund-arts/>

OCTG Theatre Artists Relief Fund

ORANGE COUNTY, CA

The Orange County Theatre Guild assists individual theater artists who live in the Greater Orange County Area who have lost income under COVID-19. Priority may be given to artists from communities that have been historically and systemically economically disadvantaged in the Greater Orange County area, but we will try to help as many artists with need in OC as we can.

<https://www.octheatreguild.org/relief-fund>

Performing Arts Worker Relief Fund

BAY AREA

Theatre Bay Area, in partnership with Dancers' Group and InterMusic SF, launched the COVID-19: Performing Arts Worker Relief Fund on March 20, 2020 as a resource for performing arts workers who are facing a loss of income due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

<https://www.theatrebayarea.org/page/COVID-19relief-fund>

Pioneers Assistance Fund COVID-19 Emergency Grants

The Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation helps people who work in theatrical distribution, exhibition, or for vendors in that sector.

<https://wrpioneers.org/covid19grant/>

Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund

Initiated by Luther Hughes, founder of Shade Literary Arts, this fund is intended to help at least 100 queer writers of color who have been financially impacted by the current COVID-19 with emergency relief grants up to \$500. Priority will be given to queer trans women of color and queer disabled writers of color.

<https://www.theshadejournal.com/support>

Red Bull Arts Microgrants

SELECT CITIES

Direct-funding to artists is essential always, and is particularly critical at this moment. In response to the current socio-political climate, Red Bull Arts is expanding the Detroit Microgrant Program nationally. This initiative directly supports our community of artists through providing unrestricted aid. The adapted Microgrant program will award two \$1000 grants each month to artists in 19 cities across the United States. **Applications are open on a rolling basis.**

<https://tinyurl.com/CCI-emergency-resources>

<https://redbullarts.slideroom.com/>

San Francisco Foundation Rapid Response Fund for Movement Building

BAY AREA

Small, one-time grants for nonprofit orgs in the range of \$3,000–\$15,000 for a grant period of up to six months to build the political power and voice of low-income and people of color by providing resources to respond in a timely manner to unanticipated, but critical opportunities or challenges to advance racial and economic equity in the Bay Area.

<http://sff.org/programs/nurturing-equity-movements/rapid-response-fund-for-movement-building/>

Sweet Relief COVID-19 Fund for Musicians

Sweet Relief created this DONOR-DIRECTED FUND with a limited amount of funds available to be used specifically for musicians and music industry workers affected by the Coronavirus. Funds raised will go towards medical expenses, lodging, clothing, food and other vital living expenses to those impacted due to sickness or loss of work.

<https://www.sweetrelief.org/covid-19-fund.html>

COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID-19 & Freelance Artists

This excellent community-sourced list is designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested in supporting the independent artist community. On behalf of the freelance artist community, we thank those who created and contributed to this project!

<https://covid19freelanceartistresource.wordpress.com/>

The Actors Fund COVID-19 Resource Page

<https://actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/covid-19-resource-list>

Americans for the Arts Coronavirus Resource & Response Center

Information broken out for Individuals vs. Organizations, and more!

<https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/disaster-preparedness/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-and-response-center>

<https://tinyurl.com/CCI-emergency-resources>

Annuity.org's Guide to COVID-19 and Your Finances

Covers topics including [Global Economy](#), [Federal Benefits](#), [Economic Impact Payment](#), [Taxes](#), [Unemployment](#), [Health Care](#), [Mortgages and Housing](#), [Small Businesses](#), [Retirement Plans](#), and [Credit and Loans](#).

<https://www.annuity.org/financial-literacy/covid-19-financial-guide/>

California Arts Council COVID-19 News & Resources

<http://arts.ca.gov/resources/COVID-19.php>

California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

A new comprehensive, consumer-friendly website from the Governor's Office highlighting critical steps to stay healthy and resources available to Californians, including paid sick leave and unemployment assistance.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented Californians

Resource guide created by California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance.

<https://ciyja.org/covid19/>

Healthcare access for Undocumented Folks (by State)

<https://unitedwedream.org/2020/03/healthcare-access-for-undocumented-folks-in-the-time-of-covid19/>

CERF+ The Artists Safety Net Coronavirus Info

<https://cerfplus.org/cerfplus-responds-to-covid-19/>

Dance Resource Center of Los Angeles: COVID-19 Resources

<https://www.danceresourcecenter.org/covid-19-resource-page/>

Intersection for the Arts Artist Resources

<https://theintersection.org/get-support/resources/>

Event Safety Alliance Reopening Guide

The Reopening Guide addresses health and sanitary issues that event and venue professionals need to consider in order to protect both patrons and workers. Since there is still insufficient testing, no contact tracing, and no vaccine against COVID-19, this guidance is particularly detailed. The first edition is tailored to be especially useful for event professionals reopening the smallest events with the fewest resources available to mitigate their risks, since in every municipal reopening plan these will be allowed to reopen first.

<https://www.eventsafetyalliance.org/esa-reopening-guide>

Freelancers Union's Guide to Life During COVID-19

COVID-19 shutdowns mean lost income and uncertainty for thousands of freelancers. While we work on securing immediate relief (more to come soon!), we're collecting everything you need to know about getting through this frightening time — from tax and health insurance updates to staying sane — updated daily.

<https://blog.freelancersunion.org/2020/03/11/what-freelancers-need-to-know-about-coronavirus/>

NYFA Emergency Grants & Resources page

Updated daily.

<https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/Emergency%20Grants>

Springboard for the Arts Coronavirus Response Resources

<https://springboardforthearts.org/coronavirus/>

Teaching Artists Guild COVID-19 Resources

Compiled by the Teaching Artists Guild. Resources include: Labor Laws / Sick Leave; Webinars; Self-Care & Mental Health; Online/Distance Learning Activities & Exercises; and more.

<http://teachingartistsguild.org/covid-19-resources/>

Theatre Bay Area COVID-19 Resource Page

<https://www.theatrebayarea.org/page/covid-19>

U.S. Department of Arts and Culture: Community Care in the Time of Coronavirus

<https://usdac.us/news-long/2020/3/15/community-care-in-the-time-of-coronavirus>

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives COVID-19 Resources

For worker cooperatives, small businesses, and individuals.

<https://www.usworker.coop/covid-19/>

Working Artists and the Greater Economy (W.A.G.E.) Guidelines For the Postponement and Cancellation of Work

Some basic guidelines that can be used by artists and nonprofit institutions as we begin to navigate the future of work in our field during the pandemic.

<https://wageforwork.com/home/news#top>

VIDEO: Coping with COVID: Financial Implications for Creative Individuals

Courtesy of Creative Capital, a helpful webinar led by Elaine Grogan Luttrull on April 7, 2020.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3MQxW_Taa0

VIDEO: Financial Strategies for Freelance Artists in a Time of Crisis (ASL & Captioned)

An empowering and encouraging presentation rooted in social justice, by choreographer and financial expert Amy Smith, courtesy of HowlRound.

<https://howlround.com/happenings/financial-strategies-freelance-artists-time-crisis-asl-captioned>

Forecast Public Art Pro Bono Consulting for Artists and Public Art Administrators

Forecast is launching a national initiative to support public artists and public art program administrators during this pandemic. We will immediately begin to offer pro bono consultations and technical support to any public artist or public art administrator based in the U.S. and the Native nations that share the same geography from now until May 31, 2020, as a response to the mounting effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://forecastpublicart.org/pro-bono-consulting-in-response-to-covid-19/>

Resources for Remote Work

Another great crowdsourced Google doc.

<https://tinyurl.com/qpzyutt>

CARES ACT RESOURCES

Unemployment & Disability

- **California:** The EDD provides a variety of support services to people who have lost their jobs or have had their hours reduced due to the impacts of COVID-19 in California. Includes updates on CARES Act implementation.
https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm
- **New York:** <https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/claimantinfo/beforeyouapplyfaq.shtm>
- **Find Your State:**
<https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/UnemploymentBenefits/find-unemployment-benefits.aspx>
- **“How to File for Unemployment in California”** from KQED radio:
<https://www.kqed.org/news/11806938/how-to-file-for-unemployment-in-california-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>
- **Pandemic Unemployment Insurance (PUA):** As part of the federal CARES Act, the new PUA program helps unemployed business owners, self-employed, independent contractors, have limited work history, and others not usually eligible for regular state UI benefits who are out of business or services are significantly reduced as a direct result of the pandemic. **Because this is a brand new program, each state will need time to develop all of the necessary system programming, forms, processes, and procedures.**
 - CALIFORNIA: Details on the new PUA program, including when and how to apply, can be found here as they become available:
https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.htm

CARES Act Table of Funding Opportunities for Arts & Artists

(Updated 6/16/20) Info on accessing CARES Act funds from the perspective of a nonprofit arts org, a governmental arts agency, a commercial arts company, a self-employed individual artist, and as a taxpayer. Courtesy of Americans for the Arts.

<https://www.artsactionfund.org/CARESActTable>

CARES Act Office Hours with Nina Ozlu Tunceli

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET, excluding holidays, join Nina Ozlu Tunceli, Chief Counsel of Government and Public Affairs at Americans for the Arts and Executive Director of the Arts Action Fund, as she takes your questions about accessing the federal relief available to members of the arts community through the CARES Act.

<https://www.artsactionfund.org/OfficeHoursNina>

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Forgiveness

- Updated [EZ Forgiveness Application](#)
- Updated [Full Forgiveness Application](#)
- Updated [Instructions for Borrowers](#)
- [June 16 Interim Rules 3 and 6 update](#)

VIDEOS: PPP/CARES Act Series for Artists & Creative Small Businesses

CENTER FOR CULTURAL INNOVATION

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPQ6fmv4vrAUnu7S4Y3pmTq8Rk9QRazuq>

VIDEO: Applying for Federal Coronavirus Relief as a Filmmaker

Courtesy of ITVS.

<https://itvs.org/blog/applying-for-federal-coronavirus-relief-as-a-filmmaker-webinar-recording>

MUTUAL AID RESOURCES

Freelance Mutual Aid Circle

MUTUAL AID

Everything from up-to-date information on the CARES Act to financial relief funds and mutual aid networks, webinars, and mental health directories. Created by Trupo in partnership with Freelancers Union, Study Hall, American Photographic Association, and Graphic Artist Guild.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vRe7gYywGTcJsWFvjmh-Jo95Ks-1zU2Aie1xPXQH-kUzh90aclW2tWEEYajUclp0DwOazt_wgEKEuUO/pubhtml

COVID-19 Mutual Aid & Advocacy Resources

This editable document tree is a US-based resource for people looking out for themselves and their communities through personal preparation, collective care, mutual aid and advocacy. You are welcome to add to, edit and copy/share these resources with the intention of helping communities come together and support each other and with as much attention as possible to all our communities' specific needs.

<http://bit.ly/covid19collectivecare>

Collective Care Is Our Best Weapon against COVID-19

A list of Mutual Aid resources, for general knowledge and locally by region (US and international).

https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1uP49OQGhosfBN4BOYQvvy_Mu3mpCSOYzip13LksC-S8/mobilebasic#h.ep6yhlannkh

Aunt Bertha: The Social Care Network

Search for Free or Reduced Cost Services in Your Area.

<https://www.auntbertha.com/>

Circles of Survival

A tool for keeping ourselves, our family, our communities, and our democracy healthy during large scale crises.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OnPVvRmfAI_UGJ0UVZDmFOF-psf1-d-Pd_C4XUXC99s/edit?ts=5e6a9165

Resource List | Responding Together to COVID-19

Includes meals and housing services focused on LA County, plus health, education, and resources for artists more broadly.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bBu014Gil8TOyh2IN2nE6mbhFmnmYCWKxZ_3HRKG8/edit?usp=sharing

Mutual Aid and Survival Resources

Various mutual aid resources from across the web aggregated into one place on Google Drive.

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1_xCQmi3NnK0A_1Urn1W0-Xs53-LMZI

EMERGENCY & DISASTER FUNDS FOR ARTISTS

Listed alphabetically.

Actors Fund Entertainment Assistance Program

Any performing arts or entertainment professional may call on the Entertainment Assistance Program for support, information or referrals to community agencies. Eligibility for financial assistance requires either a minimum of five years of industry paid employment (earnings of at least \$6,500 for three out of the last five years), or 20 years of industry paid employment (minimum of ten years of earnings of at least \$5,000 for each of those years), and demonstrated financial need. Amounts are determined on a case-by-case basis.

<http://www.actorsfund.org/am-i-eligible-help>

Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant

Provides interim financial assistance to qualified painters, printmakers, and sculptors whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation. Each grant is given as one-time assistance for a specific emergency, examples of which are fire, flood, or emergency medical need.

<https://www.gottliebfoundation.org/emergency-grant/>

American Institute for Conservation for Historic and Artistic Works

The Institute's National Heritage Responders respond to the needs of cultural institutions during emergencies and disasters through coordinated efforts with first responders, state agencies, vendors and the public. The group provides assistance by phone and email to collecting institutions affected by everything from leaking pipes to roof damage. NHR has deployed experts to assist with major floods in the Midwest and Hurricane Ike, both in 2008, and to other events.

<http://www.conservation-us.org/emergencies/national-heritage-responders#.WfNdkXZrziU>

American Society of Journalists and Authors Emergency Assistance Fund

Helps established freelance writers who, because of 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. Application should demonstrate a record of past professional nonfiction writing over a sustained period of years. Applicants do not have to live in the United States but must submit books or articles written in English.

<http://asja.org/For-Writers/WEAF>

Artists At Risk Connection (ARC)

A global directory of resources to help artists. ARC's definition of "artist" is inclusive. They serve visual artists, musicians, filmmakers, performance artists, writers, and other individuals who produce significant creative output in any medium. <https://artistsatriskconnection.org/>

Artists Fellowship Financial Assistance

Provides emergency aid to professional fine (visual) artists and their families in times of sickness, natural disaster, bereavement or unexpected extreme hardship. "Professional" is defined as those who make the creative arts as their livelihood as painters, sculptors, or art photographers through sales as reported on a Schedule C with Federal tax returns.

Meeting monthly from September to June, the Board of Trustees reviews all applications to determine if they have been properly submitted and if they are eligible.

<http://www.artistsfellowship.com/financial.html>

Authors League Fund

Assists book authors, dramatists, poets, and freelance writers and journalists, whose main professional pursuit is writing, in times of emergency. The Fund exists to help professional writers continue their careers, even their lives, with dignity by providing open-ended, interest-free, no-strings-attached loans to pay for pressing expenses. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, as they come in. Loan amounts are determined based on the applicant's professional credentials, the severity of his or her emergency, and the Fund's annual budget.

<http://www.authorsleaguefund.org/apply/>

California Jazz Foundation

Financial assistance and emergency medical referrals are offered to jazz musicians and others who have made substantial contributions to the art form.

<https://californiajazzfoundation.org/index.htm>

Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+) Emergency Assistance

CERF+ emergency assistance includes grants and/or brokered assistance, such as booth fee waivers and discounts or donations on supplies and equipment. Artists interested in CERF+ emergency assistance must first complete an inquiry form. If it is determined that you may be eligible for assistance, you will be invited to apply for assistance. Before filling out an emergency assistance inquiry form, carefully read through the eligibility criteria and supporting documentation requirements.

<https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/>

CERF+ Artist “Get Ready” Grants

Provides funding for artists working in craft disciplines to conduct activities that will help safeguard their studios, protect their careers and implement other safety measures to help artists build and sustain strong and resilient careers. Applicant must be an artist or a group of artists with an ongoing history of producing a body of work in a craft discipline or disciplines (such as woodworkers, fiber artists, metalsmiths, glass potters, furniture makers, cultural-based craft, or alternative craft), and be a legal U.S. resident. Check website for next deadline.

<https://cerfplus.org/get-ready/get-ready-grants/>

Dramatists Guild Emergency Grants

It is vital to support writers in times of need so that they can get back to doing what they do best. DGF provides emergency financial assistance to individual playwrights, composers, lyricists, and librettists in dire need of funds due to severe hardship or unexpected illness.

If you are a writer in need, we can help.

<https://dgf.org/programs/grants/grants-for-writers/>

The Haven Foundation

Gives financial assistance to 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.

<http://www.thehavenfdn.org/guidelines>

Jazz Foundation of America

Serving jazz and blues musicians requiring emergency assistance and social services.

<http://www.jazzfoundation.org/what-we-do/housing-and-emergency-assistance>

Joan Mitchell Foundation Emergency Grant Program

Up to \$6000 for US based visual artists working in the mediums of painting, sculpture, and/or drawing who have suffered significant losses after natural or man-made disasters that have affected their community. Applications are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed monthly based on volume.

<http://joanmitchellfoundation.org/artist-programs/artist-grants/emergency>

MusiCares

Provides assistance to musicians including musical instrument replacement for musicians affected by disasters.

<http://www.grammy.org/musicares>

PEN Writer's Emergency Fund

An emergency fund for professional—published or produced—writers in acute, emergency financial crisis. The Writers' Emergency Fund is for writers whose primary professional occupation is writing. Self-published authors or those published by vanity presses are not eligible. Writers do not have to be Members of PEN America to receive a grant.

<https://pen.org/writers-emergency-fund/>

Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants

One-time grants of up to \$5,000 for unexpected medical/dental/mental health emergencies. Emergencies are defined as taking place within the last six months (January 1, 2020 or later). Grants are available to visual and media artists and choreographers who live anywhere in the U.S., its Territories, and the District of Columbia. Artists of color, artists with disabilities, and those living outside of the East and West coasts are particularly encouraged to apply. The program does not cover lost wages/income.

<https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/Rauschenberg-Medical-Emergency-Grants>

EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Americans for the Arts

Links, tips, and tools for artists and arts organizations to be prepared on the front end of an emergency. <https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/disaster-preparedness#relief>

American Red Cross

Becoming “Red Cross Ready” for an emergency means following our simple steps in advance to ensure you can weather a crisis safely and comfortably. Being prepared may not prevent a disaster, but it will give you confidence to meet the challenge. Get tips here:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html>.

[Prepare SoCal](#) is an American Red Cross campaign created to address the needs of neighborhoods and encourage community resiliency in the most vulnerable communities in

<https://tinyurl.com/CCI-emergency-resources>

Southern California. The campaign aims to achieve this through working towards four goals: community preparedness, volunteer engagement, response capacity and communications.

The Red Cross also offers free [Disaster Training](#) to communities. These training courses, accessible both online and in person, include the Pillowcase Project Presenter Fundamentals, Shelter Fundamentals, Casework and Recovery Planning Fundamentals, Basic Instructor Fundamentals and Public Affair Essentials.

ArtsReady

An online emergency preparedness service by and for arts/cultural nonprofits, provides arts organizations with customized business continuity plans for post-crisis sustainability.

<https://www.artsready.org/>

CERF+

Studio Protector

An artists guide to emergencies. A wealth of information on emergency readiness for all artists can be found at www.studioprotector.org.

Cultural Placekeeping Guide

How to create a network for local emergency action —for arts agencies, arts and culture organizations, and artists.

https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/pdf/2017/by_program/networks_councils/local_arts_network/Cultural-Placekeeping-Guide.pdf

Disaster Resilience for Artists & Non-Profits

A resource for artists and organizations created by Houston Arts Alliance, this site serves as a portal to strategies and resources for preparing for and overcoming damage in the wake of a disaster. <https://ready.haatx.com/>

Performing Arts Readiness

The Performing Arts Readiness project was formed in the recognition that performing arts organizations are especially vulnerable to disasters and emergencies which can halt performances, sometimes indefinitely, and can put an organization out of business overnight. The Performing Arts Readiness project offers free webinars, on-site training, and presentations

<https://tinyurl.com/CCI-emergency-resources>

at professional conferences on various topics related to emergency preparedness, as well as online toolkits and more. <https://performingartsreadiness.org/>

- (Download their Sample Emergency Plans [here](#).)

Public Safety Power Shutoff

Your local energy company may need to turn off power during extreme weather or wildfire conditions. Find preparedness information at <https://prepareforpowerdown.com>.

Team Rubicon

[Team Rubicon](#) capitalizes on the skills and experience of military veterans by pairing them with medical professionals and first responders. The organization offers incident management, damage assessments, disaster mapping, home repair, and more to affected communities.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

(Mostly California, as that is where Center for Cultural Innovation is based.)

California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

Helpful information for employers, employees and all Californians as it relates to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://business.ca.gov/coronavirus-2019/>

California Employment Development Department (EDD)

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) provides a variety of services to individuals and businesses impacted by disasters in California. These range from assistance for those who may have lost a job due to the disaster, to employers who are forced to shut down operations. EDD staff located throughout the state are often called upon to lend a hand at Local Assistance Centers (LACs) established by the California Office of Emergency Services (OES). They provide assistance with filing claims for UI benefits, as well as job search assistance and other more general support and referrals to resources.

- For statewide wildfire recovery resources, visit the CalOES [Wildfire Recovery website](#).
- For information about any LACs established in a disaster area and their hours of operation, visit [CalOES](#).
- For California's online job exchange system, visit [CalJOBS](#).

For the latest news and announcements, including news releases, visit the [EDD News](#) page.

CAL FIRE

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is our state's go-to resource for up-to-date wildfire information and resources. www.calfire.ca.gov or @CAL_FIRE on Twitter.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Federal Individual Disaster Assistance Program

Who it serves: Home/Primary Residence assistance is available for individuals and families who have lost their homes as a result of a presidentially-declared disaster. If you are a renter or homeowner you may qualify for assistance. By law, FEMA assistance cannot duplicate the assistance you receive from your insurance company, but you may receive assistance for items not covered by insurance. FEMA does not offer assistance for small businesses impacted by a presidentially-declared disaster, however, they partner with the Small Business Administration (SBA), which offers low interest loans for business damages. Additional assistance is available for other disaster-caused expenses including medical and dental, child care, funeral and burial, essential household items, moving and storage, vehicle, and some clean-up items.

When to apply: ongoing

Where to apply: <https://www.fema.gov/individual-disaster-assistance>

DisasterAssistance.gov

Apply for disaster assistance and find local resources for your immediate needs.

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

Response.ca.gov

A newly launched website that combines emergency response, recovery and resilience information into a single place for easy access by users. It is a one-stop portal that includes local and state resources, health services, shelters and housing, preparedness information, and more. <https://www.response.ca.gov/>

The U.S. Small Business Administration

Who it serves: The SBA offers disaster assistance in the form of low-interest loans to businesses, renters, and homeowners located in regions affected by declared disasters.

Where to apply: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESOURCES

211 LA County

[211 LA County](#) partners with the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to provide timely and accurate disaster information services before, during and after a disaster hits. 211 LA County is also partnered with the L.A. County Department of Public Health to provide Public Health issued warnings and advisories.

Emergency Network of Los Angeles (ENLA)

The ENLA is a coalition of nonprofit organizations that share their knowledge and needed resources throughout the disaster cycle. With the support and resources of all these organizations, communities and the individuals they home can feel more equipped and confident when a disaster strikes. <http://enla.org/>

Los Angeles Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team

Community residents are trained to become disaster first responders to ensure neighborhoods survive and thrive after disaster strikes. <https://www.lafd.org/join/volunteer/cert>

RYLAN (Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood)

[RYLAN](#) is a free service offered by the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department meant to encourage, empower, and prepare Los Angeles neighborhoods for the next big disaster. The program increases neighborhood readiness by offering ways for communities to organize, practice, connect, communicate, and train.

Los Angeles County Food Bank/Pantry Locator

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

OTHER

2-1-1

Call 2-1-1 to be connected with community services in your area, providing services like food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance and physical and mental health resources. <http://www.211.org/>

California Lawyers for the Arts

Provides free and low-cost legal services to artists including processing claims with FEMA, SBA and other disaster relief agencies. <https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/>

E-book: *The Response: Building Collective Resilience in the Wake of Disasters*

Published by Shareable.

<https://www.shareable.net/download-our-latest-free-ebook-the-response-building-collective-resilience-in-the-wake-of-disasters/>

So You Want to Start an Emergency Relief Fund!

Published by Springboard for the Arts.

Since the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic broke and Springboard launched the Coronavirus Response Personal Emergency Relief Fund, we've been heartened by both the number of people who want to give and the number of emergency funds popping up. We've fielded a lot of inquiries about our program and how we've managed it, and so we've put together a quick overview resource, "So You Want to Start an Emergency Relief Fund." We're sharing our program structure and big picture thoughts about running an emergency relief fund since 2001. We hope it's useful to you as you plan your response for your community.

<https://springboardforthearts.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Springboard-for-the-Arts-Emergency-Relief-Fund-Resource-3.17.2020.pdf>

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