



COVID-19 Emergency Resources for Artists

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CARES Act

[US Small Business Administration
Coronavirus Relief Options](#)

GENERAL COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESOURCES

[Americans for the Arts](#)

[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.

[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).

[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.

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

[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.

[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.



[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

BY STATE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Arizona

[Emergency Relief 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.

California

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

Colorado

[Colorado Artists Relief Fund](#)

District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.)

[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.



Florida

[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.

Georgia

[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.).

[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.

Illinois

[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.

Indiana

[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.

Maine

[Portland Artist Relief Fund](#)

[Maine Artist Relief Fund](#)

Massachusetts

[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).

[Mass Cultural Council COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)

[Worcester Artist Relief Fund](#)

[National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness & Emergency Response \(NCAPER\)](#) - NCAPER is a voluntary task force of national, regional, state, and local arts organizations, public agencies, and foundations, NCAPER helps ensure that artists, arts/cultural organizations, cultural funders, and arts businesses have the capacity and ability to respond effectively to disasters and emergencies affecting the arts and culture sector.

[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.



Michigan

[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.

Missouri

[Futures Fund: Emergency Relief for Artists](#) (St. Louis, Missouri) - 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.

New Jersey

[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.

New Mexico

[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.

[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.

New York

[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.

[New York Foundation for the Arts](#)

North Carolina

[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.

[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.

[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.



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Ohio

[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.

Oregon

[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.**

Pennsylvania

[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.

Texas

[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.

[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.

Virginia

[Charlottesville Emergency Relief Fund for Artists](#)

Washington

[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.

[Seattle Artist's Relief Fund](#) - The Seattle Artist's Relief Fund is a crowd-sourced financial relief fund that is already distributing financial relief to artists in the Seattle area. The GoFundMe campaign has reached \$144,000 in just its first week and has already received 600 applications. This fund is for individual artists only who live in the greater Seattle area, not organizations or nonprofits. Donate if you can and apply if you need assistance.

[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.



ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH EMERGENCIES ONLY **(Not intended for Covid-19 Income Disruption Relief)**

[Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant](#) - Intended to provide interim financial assistance to qualified, mature visual artists whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation. The maximum amount of this grant is \$15,000; an award of \$5,000 is typical. To qualify, you must be a visual artist (music, theater, dance, and writing are not covered by this grant) working professionally in a mature phase of your career for at least ten years.

[Artists' Charitable Fund](#) - Colorado-based Artists' Charitable Fund assists American visual fine artists (painters and sculptors) living anywhere in the United States by paying a portion of their medical/dental/eye-care bills. For example, the Fund has purchased a wheelchair, paid for eye surgery, provided funding for an artificial leg, paid partial medical expenses of several artists who have cancer, as well as other needs for medical assistance.

[Artists' Fellowship, Inc.](#) - The Artists' Fellowship provides emergency aid to professional fine artists and their families in times of sickness, natural disaster, bereavement or unexpected extreme hardship. The organization defines eligibility to "Professional" is defined as those visual artists who make their livelihood through sales as reported on a Schedule C with a U.S. Federal tax return. An active exhibition history is also an important part of documenting "professional." You can find the [application here](#).

[Haven Foundation](#) - The Haven Foundation provides financial assistance up to \$10,000 to artists who have a health crisis; grants are one-year, and the financial amount provided is to the discretion of the Foundation. Grants can be renewed up to four more years, with a supplemental application. Read the guidelines for [application here](#).

[Rauschenberg Emergency Grants](#) - The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) and the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation partnered to offer a new medical emergency aid program for artists. The one-time Rauschenberg Emergency Grants will provide visual and media artists and choreographers with up to \$5,000 to cover a number of unforeseen medical expenses. There is no deadline; applications will be accepted and reviewed by the panel on a monthly basis beginning in late May/early June 2020.

[Visual Aid](#) - Visual Aid Projects - For 25 years, Visual Aid has been an integral part of San Francisco's passionate social activism in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, supporting the creative production of artists with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses.

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[The Joan Mitchell Foundation](#) - The Joan Mitchell Foundation provides emergency support to US based visual artists working in the mediums of painting, sculpture, and/or drawing, who have suffered significant losses after natural or manmade disasters that have affected their community. Artists who have been negatively impacted due to catastrophic situations of this nature can apply to the Foundation for funding. Please contact the Joan Mitchell Foundation for additional information at info@joanmitchellfoundation.org.

The Foundation's emergency funding is specific to natural or man-made disasters, and usually those that have affected a community on a broad scale. While we acknowledge the tremendous need for support following personal emergencies, we regret that the Foundation is currently unable to provide this type of emergency funding.