

Online Resources for Artists Affected by Covid-19

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Freelance Artists Resources

Has the most comprehensive links and resources that also includes teaching resources, and online teaching.

This list is specifically designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested in supporting the independent artist community. This includes, but is not limited to, actors, designers, producers, technicians, stage managers, musicians, composers, choreographers, visual artists, filmmakers, craft artists, teaching artists, dancers, writers & playwrights, photographers, etc.

Visual & Performing Artists

Foundation for Contemporary Arts

In light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the artist community, the Foundation for Contemporary Arts is creating a temporary fund to meet the needs of experimental artists who have been impacted by the economic fallout from postponed or canceled performances and exhibitions. If you are unsure about whether your work is experimental, you can see other artists we have supported on our Instagram and our website.

CERF+ Emergency Relief Fund

Artists who have suffered from a recent, career threatening emergency, such as an illness, accident, fire or natural disaster, can apply for funding. CERF+ also has a list of resources centered around the pandemic.

Rauschenberg Emergency Grant

NYFA and the Rauschenberg Foundation have teamed up to offer visual and media artists and choreographers in the US grants of up to \$5,000 for medical related emergencies.

NYFA Emergency Grants List

The New York Foundation for the Arts has a running list of additional emergency grant opportunities for artists, categorized by disciplines.

Gottlieb Emergency Grant Program

This emergency grant provides financial assistance to painters, printmakers, and sculptors whose needs are the result of an unforeseen incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation.

Actors Fund Entertainment Assistance Program

The Actors Fund provides services and financial support to entertainment professionals facing personal or work-related problems. It is also a conduit for emergency financial assistance in times of pressing need or in response to catastrophic events.

Writers

Authors League Fund

The Author League Fund helps professional writers in financial need because of medical or health-related problems, temporary loss of income, or other misfortune by providing no-strings-attached “loans” to pay for pressing expenses.

PEN American Writers' Emergency Fund

The PEN America Writers' Emergency Fund is a small grants program for professional—published or produced—writers in acute or unexpected financial crisis. Depending on the situation and level of need, grants are in the range of \$2,000.

Musicians

The Blues Foundation HART Fund

The Blues Foundation Handy Artists Relief Trust Fund is available to Blues musicians and their families who are in financial need due to a broad range of health concerns.

Jazz Foundation Musicians Emergency Fund

Musicians who have made a living playing blues, jazz, and roots music can apply for emergency funding from the Jazz Foundation.

MusicCares COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Recording Academy is giving financial assistance to musicians whose livelihoods have been jeopardized by the pandemic.

Arts Organizations

ArtsReady

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

Alliance of Artists Communities

The Alliance of Artists Communities hosts monthly info-sessions, workshops and discussions for its members on the Zoom video conferencing platform. Connect with AAC and your residency colleagues during these meet-ups to learn about a range of residency-specific topics and connect, share ideas and troubleshoot challenges.

Panel: Artists In a Time of Global Pandemic (ASL & Captioned)

Join HowlRound plus a group of artists, arts administrators, and others from around the US who discussed how COVID-19 is impacting freelance artists (those who identify as independent contractors) from all disciplines and where artists can look for support in this complicated moment. The conversation will focus on shared resources (legal, advocacy, how to take your work virtual, finding emergency funding, and financial best practices in crisis) and building and grounding our national community.

Grantmakers in the Arts

Grantmakers in the Arts is sharing resources and guidance on Covid-19 virus and encouraging grantmakers to support their grantees in treating their funding flexibly in these difficult and rapidly shifting circumstances.

State and Local Gov't

Creative Relief Louisiana

Creative Relief Louisiana was established in August 2016, following the major floods that occurred in the southern regions of the state. Through Creative Relief, Louisiana's regional Arts Councils were able to identify artists and arts organizations who had lost or incurred damage, to address their needs and provide replacement materials.

Louisiana Division of the Arts

The Division of the Arts has served Louisiana's arts community since 1977 by providing programs, services and support to individual artists and a variety of arts and cultural organizations. Arts and culture support jobs, tourism and education while stimulating creativity, leadership, economic vitality and enhancing quality of life.

Louisiana Department of Health

Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser and the Department of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism are actively monitoring the evolving situation around COVID-19 (coronavirus), working closely with Governor John Bel Edwards and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (GOHSEP).

Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (DSNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides monthly benefits that help eligible low-income households buy the food they need for good health. For most households, SNAP funds account for only a portion of their food budgets; they must also use their own funds to buy enough food to last throughout the month.

Louisiana Workforce Commission

Workers can apply for financial assistance and SNAP benefits (food stamps) through the Louisiana Workforce Commission, which has loosened eligibility requirements to help workers affected by COVID-19.

The New Orleans Business Alliance

The New Orleans Business Alliance is working with public and private partners to ensure that New Orleans residents and businesses have access to all available resources to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOLA READY

The City of New Orleans is responding to cases of COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus

Social Justice

The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies' National Call to Action

The disability advocacy organizations and a coalition of disability rights and emergency management experts from across the country are issuing an urgent call to action for immediate strategies and solutions from the federal government and governments at every level, including local, state, tribal and territorial, to address the specific needs of persons with disabilities throughout the COVID-19 outbreak and all public health emergencies.

Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund

This emergency fund can provide up to \$200 for people of color that are either working artist or art administration and are affected by COVID-19

Artists At Risk

Artists at Risk Connection (ARC) safeguards the right to artistic freedom of expression and ensures that artists and cultural professionals everywhere can live and work without fear. Our ultimate goal is to address the needs of artists at risk and the organizations that serve them.

Health

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Taking Care of Your Mental Health in the Face of Uncertainty”

LCMC Health

New Orleans-based, non-profit health system on a mission: to provide the best possible care for every person and parish in Louisiana and beyond, and to put a little more heart and soul into healthcare along the way. And that means we do things a little differently around here.

Legal

The Ella Project

Dedicated to the joy and beauty of the culture of New Orleans and Louisiana, The Ella Project provides pro bono legal assistance, arts business services, and advocacy to our cultural community

Food

Beginning March 17, Nola Tree Project will be distributing hot meals at their headquarters (1509 Filmore Ave., New Orleans) from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Second Harvest is offering hot meals at all NORD Recreation Centers (except the Annunciation location) from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.