



**Lower  
Manhattan  
Cultural  
Council**

EMPOWERING ARTISTS,  
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

## FUNDRAISING FUNDAMENTALS

*The Funding Ecosystem: What You Should Know Before You Start Fundraising – March 2015*

### EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR ARTISTS

The following are a selection of grants available to financially assist artists during periods of personal or professional emergency, as well as searchable online databases of emergency grants. Note: the term “emergency grant” is sometimes used to indicate a grant available for artists with an unanticipated opportunity or in need of last minute funding for a project. Such resources are not covered here.

### ONLINE DATABASE OF EMERGENCY GRANTS

#### THE ACTORS FUND OF AMERICA – EXTERNAL RESOURCES DATABASE

The Actors Fund offers a comprehensive online database of services and resources for artists of all disciplines. Information on disaster related assistance and relief, emergency financial assistance for artists, and transportation for medical treatment are listed by category and searchable by state or nationwide service areas.

[www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/resources](http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/resources)

#### NYFA SOURCE, NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS – EMERGENCY RESOURCES

NYFA Source is the most extensive national directory of awards, services, and publications for artists. Listings include over 11,000 awards, services and publications for individual artists and art professionals across the country.

[www.nyfa.org/source](http://www.nyfa.org/source)

### VARIED DISCIPLINES

#### THE ACTORS FUND OF AMERICA

Provides emergency assistance to professionals in the entertainment industry including music, dance, film, television, circus, and theater. Phone: 212-221-7300

[www.actorsfund.org](http://www.actorsfund.org)

#### ARTISTS' FELLOWSHIP

Assists professional fine artists (painters, graphic artists, sculptors) and their families in times of emergency, disability, or bereavement. 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003. Phone: 646-230-9833

[www.artistsfellowship.com](http://www.artistsfellowship.com)

**CHANGE INC.**

Emergency grants for artists in all disciplines needing help with rent, medical expenses, utility bills, fire damage, etc. Grants of up to \$1,000. P.O. Box 54, Captiva, FL 33924. Phone: 212-473-3742.

**LITERARY ARTS****AUTHORS LEAGUE FUND**

The Fund gives open-ended, interest-free, no-strings-attached loans for professional writers and dramatists who find themselves in financial need because of medical or health-related problems, temporary loss of income or other misfortune. Phone: 212-268-1208.

[www.authorsleaguefund.org](http://www.authorsleaguefund.org)

**PEN AMERICAN CENTER WRITER'S FUND**

Provides emergency fund for professional—published or produced—writers in acute, emergency financial crisis, and professional writers and editors who face serious financial difficulties because of HIV or AIDS-related illness, for up to \$2,000. Phone: 212-334-1660

[www.pen.org/writers-emergency-fund](http://www.pen.org/writers-emergency-fund)

**POETS IN NEED**

Emergency assistance to established poets who have a substantive published body of work. [walterblue@bigbridge.org](mailto:walterblue@bigbridge.org)

[www.poetsinneed.org](http://www.poetsinneed.org)

**WRITERS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND**

Financial relief assistance to established, professional freelance writers of nonfiction books and magazine articles. Must be elderly, ill, disabled, or facing an extraordinary crisis. 1501 Broadway, Ste. 302, New York, NY 10036.

<http://www.asja.org/for-writers/weaf>

**VISUAL ARTS****ADOLPH AND ESTHER GOTTLIEB FOUNDATION, INC.**

The Emergency Assistance Program is intended to provide interim financial assistance to qualified artists whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident. Phone: 212-226-0581.

[www.gottliebfoundation.org](http://www.gottliebfoundation.org)

**CRAFT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (CERF)**

Provides emergency relief assistance, business development support, and resources and referrals on topics such as health, safety, and insurance.

[www.craftemergency.org](http://www.craftemergency.org)

**POLLOCK-KRASNER FOUNDATION**

Provides grants for all legitimate expenditures relating professional work and personal living, including medical expenses, for visual artists who are painters, sculptors and artists who work on paper, including printmakers. Phone: 212-517-5400.

[www.pkf.org](http://www.pkf.org)