



**Lower  
Manhattan  
Cultural  
Council**

EMPOWERING ARTISTS,  
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

## FUNDRAISING FUNDAMENTALS

*The Funding Ecosystem:*

*What You Should Know Before You Start Fundraising*

### **EMERGENCY RESOURCES AND GRANTS FOR ARTISTS**

The following are a selection of information resources and grants available to 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.

#### **NYC ARTS & CULTURE EMERGENCY INFORMATION NETWORK**

##### **CultureAID (Culture Active in Disasters)**

CultureAID (Culture Active in Disasters) is a collaborative network of stakeholders and service providers committed to strengthening New York City’s cultural community – including artists and organizations – before, during, and after disasters through an organized communications system as well as coordinated activities and services to the field. CultureAID was founded in 2013 through a collaborative working process spearheaded by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) and FEMA’s Sandy Recover Office, with a group of cultural service organizations whose missions broadly serve the entire City of New York. Together, the group now serves as CultureAID’s Steering Committee, and will work to maintain relationships with the national arts sector and emergency management agencies, and provide resources and updated disaster-related information to the field.

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

#### **BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING FOR ORGANIZATIONS**

##### **ArtsReady**

ArtsReady is a web-based emergency preparedness platform founded by South Arts, designed to provide arts and cultural organizations with customized business continuity plans for post crisis sustainability. Become a member to access materials and advice on readiness, alerts to prepare for or recover from community-wide crisis and a resource library to connect you to information and examples for good planning as well as assistance after a crisis hits.

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

## 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 12,000 awards, services and publications for individual artists and art professionals across the country.  
[source.nyfa.org](http://source.nyfa.org)

## EMERGENCY GRANTS: 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.

## EMERGENCY GRANTS: 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>

## **EMERGENCY GRANTS: 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)