



**Lower  
Manhattan  
Cultural  
Council**

EMPOWERING ARTISTS,  
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

## FUNDRAISING FUNDAMENTALS

*The Funding Ecosystem:*

*What You Should Know Before You Start Fundraising*

### FUNDING RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

The following list, organized by discipline, includes funders that offer **one or more programs or awards** that provide direct support to individual artists by application. This list is provided to facilitate the grant research process. Always read program guidelines and material provided directly from the funding institution to determine your eligibility to apply.

#### VARIED DISCIPLINES

**Asian Cultural Council**

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

**The Awesome Foundation for the Arts and Sciences**

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

**Black Rock Arts Foundation**

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

**Brooklyn Arts Council**

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

**Bronx Council on the Arts**

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

**CEC Arts Link**

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

**Cintas Foundation (Cuban descent only)**

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

**Creative Capital Foundation**

[www.creative-capital.org](http://www.creative-capital.org)

**Duke University: Center for Documentary Studies (film and photography)**

[documentarystudies.duke.edu](http://documentarystudies.duke.edu)

## **VARIED DISCIPLINES (CONT'D)**

**Foundation for Contemporary Arts**  
[www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org](http://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org)

**Jerome Foundation**  
[www.jeromefdn.org](http://www.jeromefdn.org)

**John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fund**  
[www.gf.org](http://www.gf.org)

**Lower Manhattan Cultural Council**  
[www.lmcc.net](http://www.lmcc.net)

**Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation**  
[www.midatlanticarts.org](http://www.midatlanticarts.org)

**National Association of Latino Arts and Culture (NALAC)**  
[www.nalac.org](http://www.nalac.org)

**National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts**  
[www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org)

**National League of American Pen Women**  
[www.nlapw.org](http://www.nlapw.org)

**National Museum of the American Indian: Indigenous Contemporary Arts Program**  
[www.nmai.si.edu](http://www.nmai.si.edu)

**New York Foundation for the Arts**  
[www.nyfa.org](http://www.nyfa.org)

**New York State Council on the Arts: Individual Artists Program**  
[www.nysca.org](http://www.nysca.org)

**Princess Grace Foundation – USA**  
[www.pgfusa.com](http://www.pgfusa.com)

**Puffin Foundation, Ltd.**  
[www.puffinfoundation.org](http://www.puffinfoundation.org)

**Queens Council on the Arts**  
[queenscouncilarts.org](http://queenscouncilarts.org)

**Six Points Fellowship**  
[www.sixpointsfellowship.org](http://www.sixpointsfellowship.org)

**Staten Island Arts**  
[www.statenislandarts.org](http://www.statenislandarts.org)

**Sustainable Arts Foundation (visual arts and literature)**  
[www.sustainableartsfoundation.org](http://www.sustainableartsfoundation.org)

## **VARIED DISCIPLINES (CONT'D)**

**Surdna Foundation: Thriving Cultures Program / Artists Engaging in Social Change**

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

**The Vilcek Foundation**

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

## **LITERARY ARTS**

**The Academy of American Poets**

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

**American Literary Review**

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

**Amy Lowell Poetry Travelling Scholarship**

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

**The Astrea Lesbian Foundation for Justice: The Lesbian Writers Fund**

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

**Barbara Deming Memorial Fund (women artists only)**

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

**The Christopher Isherwood Fund (fiction)**

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

**Elizabeth George Foundation**

[www.elizabethgeorgeonline.com/foundation.htm](http://www.elizabethgeorgeonline.com/foundation.htm)

**Graywolf Press**

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

**Hurston/Wright Foundation (African descent writers only)**

<http://www.hurstonwright.org>

**Lambda Literary Foundation**

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

**National Endowment for the Arts**

[www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)

**Princeton University Hodder Fellowship**

[www.princeton.edu/arts/lewis\\_center/society\\_of\\_fellows](http://www.princeton.edu/arts/lewis_center/society_of_fellows)

**Speculative Literature Foundation**

<http://speculativeliterature.org/grants>

## **MEDIA & FILM**

### **The Arch Bruce Brown Foundation**

<http://aabbfoundation.org/grant-guidelines>

### **Center for Asian American Media (CAAM)**

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

### **Cinereach**

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

### **Creative District**

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

### **The Fledgling Fund**

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

### **Wave Farm**

<http://wavefarm.org/mag>

### **From the Heart Productions**

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

### **Independent Television Service (ITVS)**

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

### **International Documentary Association: Pare Lorentz Documentary Fund**

[www.documentary.org/parelorentz](http://www.documentary.org/parelorentz)

### **Latino Public Broadcasting**

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

### **National Endowment for the Humanities (Documentary)**

[www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### **National Geographic: All Roads Seed Grant Program**

[www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers)

### **New York Women in Film & Television**

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

### **San Francisco Film Society (National Programs)**

[www.sffs.org/Filmmaker360/Grants](http://www.sffs.org/Filmmaker360/Grants)

### **Sundance Documentary Fund**

<http://www.sundance.org/programs/documentary-film#grants>

### **Tribeca Film Institute**

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

### **The Women in Film Foundation**

[www.wif.org/foundation/film-finishing-fund](http://www.wif.org/foundation/film-finishing-fund)

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

### **Actors Fund**

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

### **American Alliance for Theatre and Education**

[www.aate.com/?page=aatefunding](http://www.aate.com/?page=aatefunding)

### **Association of Performing Arts Presenters (APAP): The Cultural Exchange Fund**

[www.apap365.org](http://www.apap365.org)

### **Bossak Heilbron Charitable Foundation (dance)**

[Bhcf.grant@gmail.com](mailto:Bhcf.grant@gmail.com)

### **Chamber Music America**

[www.chamber-music.org](http://www.chamber-music.org)

### **Dance Films Association (dance films only)**

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

### **Dramatists Guild Fund, Inc.**

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

### **Franklin Furnace Fund for Performance Art**

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

### **The Fromm Music Foundation at Harvard University (composing)**

<http://frommfoundation.fas.harvard.edu>

### **Jerome Fund For New Music**

<https://composersforum.org/program/jfund>

### **Jim Henson Foundation (puppet theater)**

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

### **American Theater Wing: Jonathan Larson Grants (musical theater)**

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

### **The Kleban Foundation, Inc. (musical theater)**

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

### **The Multi-Arts Production Fund**

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

### **New England Foundation for the Arts**

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

### **New Music USA**

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

### **Puppeteers of America**

<http://www.puppeteers.org/who-we-are/grants-scholarships>

## **PERFORMING ARTS (cont'd)**

### **Sparkplug Foundation (music)**

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

### **Theater Communications Group**

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

## **VISUAL ARTS**

### **A Blade of Grass**

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

### **Aaron Siskind Foundation (photography)**

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

### **Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Inc.**

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

### **The Aftermath Project (documentary photography)**

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

### **Alexia Foundation (photo journalism)**

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

### **The Astrea Lesbian Foundation for Social Justice: Astrea Lesbian Visual Arts Fund**

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

### **Barbara Deming Memorial Fund (women artists only)**

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

### **Center for Craft, Creativity, and Design**

<http://www.craftcreativitydesign.org>

### **Emily Hall Tremain Exhibition Award**

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

### **En Foco New Works Photography Fellowship (photography)**

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

### **Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts**

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

### **Harpo Foundation**

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

### **The Lillian Orlowsky and William Freed Foundation Grant (painters 45 or older)**

[www.paam.org/education/the-lillian-orkowsky-and-william-freed-foundation-grant](http://www.paam.org/education/the-lillian-orkowsky-and-william-freed-foundation-grant)

## **VISUAL ARTS (cont'd)**

### **The National Sculpture Society**

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

### **The Joan Mitchell Foundation**

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

### **NYC Department of Parks & Recreation: Clare Weiss Emerging Artist Award (public art)**

[www.nycgovparks.org/art-and-antiquities/clare-weiss-award](http://www.nycgovparks.org/art-and-antiquities/clare-weiss-award)

### **Pollock Krasner Foundation, Inc. (2D work)**

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

### **The Ruth Chenven Foundation**

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

### **United States Institute of Technology (design)**

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

### **Virginia A. Groot Foundation (sculptors)**

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

### **The W. Eugene Smith Memorial Fund (photography)**

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

### **William H. Johnson Prize (early-career African American artists)**

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