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EMPOWERING ARTISTS,
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ART & RESILIENCE

EMERGENCY PLANNING & PREPAREDNESS

EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Hurricane Sandy has taught us a lot about the need for preparedness, but not all emergencies are alike. The following is a selection of emergency resources to help you plan ahead for the unexpected.

FEDERAL RESOURCES

- **FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency):** The FEMA is the federal agency in charge of coordinating all federal disaster relief efforts. Individuals who have suffered losses due to a disaster must register with the FEMA if they seek federal assistance. Nonprofit organizations may qualify for aid with re-building if the facilities they own or operate have been damaged as a result of a disaster.
www.fema.gov
- **The Disaster Assistance Improvement Program:** Federal disaster resources with information, support, services and a mechanism to access and apply for disaster assistance through collaborative, data-sharing efforts between federal, tribal, state, local and private sector partners.
www.disasterassistance.gov
- **Small Business Administration (SBA):** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is a governmental agency in service of small businesses. Information and forms for the SBA's low interest disaster loans. Loans can be used to replace goods and property that have been damaged or destroyed due to a disaster. The SBA provides support to small businesses and small business owners across the nation with obtaining small business loans, ensures that federal contract dollars go to small businesses, and provides counseling for business guidance.
<https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs/disaster-loans>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER RELIEF

- **The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, Inc., (NPCC) – Disaster Planning, Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity:** This document is a guideline that offers the points an organization needs to think about in order to prepare its own disaster recovery plan. It includes

questions and scenarios that can be used to tailor a plan to the specific needs of an organization.

<https://www.npccny.org/disaster-plan>

- **Nonprofit Risk Management Center – Business Continuity Planning Course:** This online course is designed to help create business continuity for nonprofit organizations. The course is designed to help organizations develop, implement, and test a workable plan to prevent the interruption of mission-critical services in the event of a major business interruption.
www.nonprofitrisk.org/tools/business-continuity/business-continuity.shtml
- **Nonprofit Finance Fund:** National nonprofit providing guidance on financial management and planning for nonprofits including the importance of building budget surpluses and reserve funds. Information on strategic planning for nonprofits.
www.nonprofitfinancefund.org
- **National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster:** General information about the voluntary organizations active during disasters including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and others.
www.nvoad.org
- **South Arts – Arts Ready:** Web-based emergency preparedness platform designed to provide arts and cultural organizations with customized business continuity plans for post crisis sustainability. Offers links to a large variety of resources to help with your planning and recovery.
www.artsready.org/page/useful_links

SALVAGE / CONSERVATION / RECOVERY

- **Alliance for Response:** National program on cultural heritage and disaster management that focuses on connecting emergency responders with representatives of the cultural heritage community through training opportunities, fostering of local planning efforts, and improved dialogue and partnerships.
<http://www.afrnyc.org>
- **American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works:** Resources and guides on disaster response and recovery for institutions and the general public, with a focus on the recovery of art works.
www.conservation-us.org/publications-resources/
- **Conservation Online:** Guidance on emergency stabilization and conservation measures addressed during planning.
<http://www.conservation-us.org/resources/our-publications#.WLDAbhLysSQ>
- **Studio Protector:** Quick tips to prevent further damage to your art and to help you set priorities and maximize your salvage efforts after a disaster.
www.studioprotector.org/OnlineGuide/Salvage.aspx