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EMPOWERING ARTISTS,
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

ART & RESILIENCE

EMERGENCY PLANNING & PREPAREDNESS

EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS

The following is a selection of grants and emergency resources you can use to access financial assistance 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

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. <http://source.nyfa.org>

OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES

- **Alliance of Artists Communities (AAC) Residencies for Artists Affected by a Natural Disaster:** When natural disasters occur, the AAC provides this database of immediate and short-term residencies for affected artists. The database is activated as-needed. AAC also offers emergency grants of up to \$1,000 to visual artists who are already admitted into their residency programs. <http://www.artistcommunities.org/emergency-relief-programs>
- **Change Inc.:** One time emergency grants of up to \$1,000 for artists in all disciplines needing help with rent, medical expenses, utility bills, theft, fire damage, etc. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and decisions

may be announced within as little as one week. Contact: PO Box 1818, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 212-473-3742 for a complete list of application requirements.

- **Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+) – National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response:** CERF+ has played a leading role in a voluntary task force of national, regional, state and local arts organizations, public agencies, and foundations. The long-term goal of the Coalition is to create an organized safety net for artists, and the organizations that serve them, in the United States.
<https://cerfplus.org>
- **The Haven Foundation:** Financial assistance for professional freelance artists facing career-threatening emergencies.
<http://www.thehavenfdn.org/>
- **HOWL Emergency Life Project (HELP):** Emergency support for artists who have participated in the Howl Festival. Also provides emergency support for artists working in New York City's East Village or Lower East Side.
<http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/howl-emergency-life-project>

LITERATURE

- **American Society of Journalists & Authors:** Grants for established non-fiction freelance writers who are significantly affected by illness, disability, advanced age, a natural disaster or an extraordinary professional crisis.
<http://www.asja.org/for-writers/weaf/>
- **The Authors League Fund:** Open-ended, interest-free, no-strings-attached loans for book authors, dramatists, and freelance journalists facing emergencies.
<http://www.authorsleaguefund.org/>
- **The PEN Writers' Emergency Fund:** Grants of up to \$2,000 to published or produced writers who are facing an emergency financial crisis.
<http://staging.pen.org/writers-emergency-fund>
- **Poets In Need:** Emergency assistance to established poets who have a substantive body of published work.
<http://www.poetsinneed.org/>
- **Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America Emergency Medical and Legal Fund:** SFWA's Emergency Medical Fund provides interest-free loans to SFWA members facing unexpected medical expenses. Their Legal Fund offers loans to assist in solving authors' legal disputes in court.
<http://www.sfwa.org/about/benevolent-funds/>

MUSIC

- **Associated Musicians of Greater New York Local 802:** Local 802's emergency relief fund provides financial help to musicians with a minimum of two years' membership in the union.

<http://www.local802afm.org/about/benefits-services/emergency-relief-fund/>

- **Blues Foundation HART Fund:** Financial assistance for Blues musicians and their families who face health concerns, including dental care, funeral and burial expenses.
<https://blues.org/hart-fund/>
- **Jazz Musicians Emergency Fund:** Housing and emergency assistance for jazz and blues artists, as well as social workers to help.
<http://jazzfoundation.org/what-we-do/housing-and-emergency-assistance>
- **MUSIC American Federation of Musicians (AFM)'s Lester Petrillo Memorial Fund:** Emergency financial aid for disabled AFM members.
<http://www.afm.org/petrillo-memorial-fund/>
- **MusiCares Foundation:** Emergency financial aid for eligible music industry professionals including performers, producers, engineers and songwriters.
<https://www.grammy.org/musicares>
- **Musicians Foundation:** Emergency financial aid for musicians who have worked at least five years as a professional to meet living, medical, and allied expenses.
www.musiciansfoundation.org
- **Sweet Relief Musicians Fund:** Grants to musicians in all musical genres who are facing illness, disability, or age-related problems. Typical grants range from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars.
www.sweetrelief.org

PERFORMING ARTS

- **The Actors' Fund of America:** Emergency assistance to professionals in the entertainment industry (music, dance, film, television, circus & theater).
www.actorsfund.org
- **American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) Relief Fund:** Temporary financial support for AGMA members. The fund is administered by Actors Fund.
<http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/agma-relief-fund>
- **American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) Sick & Relief Fund:** Emergency aid to AGVA's current and previous members, including payments for bills and emergency grants.
<http://www.agvausa.com/sickandrelieffund.html>
- **Dancers' Resource:** Also administered under Actors Fund, this program provides services including emergency financial assistance and healthcare referrals to professional dancers.
<http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/dancers-resource>

- **Episcopal Actors Guild of America:** Emergency aid & relief program to professional performing artists, especially theatre performers.
<http://www.actorsguild.org>
- **Screen Actors Guild Foundation:** Three different assistance programs to SAG-AFTRA members, including Emergency Services, COBRA Assistance, and the Catastrophic Health Fund.
<http://www.sagfoundation.org/assistance>
- **Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Assistance Fund:** Emergency grants for housing, utilities, food, burial or cremation. Requires 10 years of employment history in the motion picture entertainment industry. The Fund also provides various other assistance programs.
<http://wrpioneers.org/>

VISUAL ARTS

- **Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Inc.:** Financial assistance for artists facing unexpected disasters. Typical award is \$5,000.
http://www.gottliebfoundation.org/emergency_grants.htm
- **The Artists' Charitable Fund:** Financial support for artists struck by medical, fire or other disaster.
www.artistscharitablefund.org
- **Artists' Fellowship, Inc.:** Financial assistance for professional fine artists and their families in times of emergency, disability, or bereavement.
www.artistsfellowship.org
- **Craft Emergency Relief Fund + Artists' Emergency Resources (CERF+):** Financial and educational assistance for craft artists, including relief funding, business development support and an online exchange platform.
http://craftemergency.org/artists_services/emergency_relief
- **Joan Mitchell Foundation Emergency Grant:** Grant providing support in response to natural or manmade disasters for visual artists in the fields of painting, sculpture, and/or drawing.
<http://joanmitchellfoundation.org/artist-programs/artist-grants/emergency>
- **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