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Covid 19 Artists Resources

A Comprehensive List of Organizations Supporting Artists

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Taken from [Arts Council New Orleans | Opportunity Types | Resources \(artsneworleans.org\)](#)

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COVID-19 ARTIST RESOURCE

Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant

Deadline: September 23, 2027

REQUIREMENTS: Active Visual Artist for at least 10 years Proof of work The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant is for immediate financial assistance for a one-time \$5000-\$15,000 grant for...

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Creative Sonoma Emergency Funds and Resources Page

Deadline: December 31, 2021

Creative Sonoma has created a list of resources and relief funds for artists. The list is broken into disciplines and offers links to grants, informations, and other resources for artists...

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WomenArts List of Emergency funds for All Art Forms

Deadline: December 31, 2021

WomanArts has created a list of organizations offering emergency funds for artists in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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3Arts Chicago List of Emergency Funding for Artists

Deadline: December 31, 2021

3Arts in Chicago has created a list of Emergency Resources for Artists in Illinois. This includes grants, crowdfunding campaigns, funding search engines, and other emergency resources.

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COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources

Deadline: December 31, 2022

A list created to showcase free resources for freelance artists including actors, designers, producers, technicians, stage managers, musicians, composers, choreographers, visual artists, filmmakers, craft artists, teaching artists, dancers, writers, playwrights,...

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New Orleans Creative Response

Creative Response is a New Orleans-based relief effort to support the region's greatest natural resource—the artists, performers, writers, and culture bearers that make New Orleans one of the most...

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Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund

REQUIREMENTS: For individuals who self-identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Must be and artist or arts administrator who has had a loss of income due to the current...

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VAE Raleigh NC Artist Relief Fund

REQUIREMENTS: Must live in Wake County or other parts of North Carolina not being served by local funds Online Application Must have lost income due to cancellations of events due...

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Gospel Music Trust Fund

REQUIREMENTS: 10 years of full-time employment within the Gospel/Christian Music field Written Requests sent to the Gospel Trust Fund The Gospel Music Trust fund is intended for Gospel music artists,...

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ArtistRelief.org – Emergency Response Fund (\$5,000 grants)

Artist Relief will distribute \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19; serve as an ongoing informational resource; and co-launch the COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and...

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Paycheck Protection Plan Q&A for Arts Nonprofits #1

Paycheck Protection Plan Q & A with CPA Aaron Ready of Hymel & Ready CPAs and Advisors Sponsored by Prospect New Orleans and the Arts Council New Orleans Paycheck Protection...

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Jazz Foundation of America Musicians' Emergency Fund

The Jazz Foundation of America has created a Emergency Fund for Musicians who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is intended to help musicians and their families to...

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The Blues Foundation HART Musician Emergency Fund

REQUIREMENTS: Application Form The Handy Artists Relief Trust, or HART fund, offers immediate financial assistance to Blues Musicians and their families due to medical emergencies.

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The Actors Fund Entertainment Assistance Program

REQUIREMENTS: Application Documentation of your professional earnings Interview Minimum of 5 years of industry paid employment with earning of at least \$6,500 for three out of the last 5 or...

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Authors League Fund

REQUIREMENTS: Must meet at least one or more of the following: Book authors with at least one title published by an established traditional publisher. Authors with multiple titles are given...

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PEN America Writers' Emergency Fund

REQUIREMENTS: Must be based in the United States Professional Writers Publication of one or more books or Multiple essays, short stories, or poems in literary anthologies or literary journals in...

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The National Endowment for the Arts Resources for Artists and Arts Organizations

The National Endowment for the Arts has created a list of resources, grants, and programs to help artists through the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizations included are Americans for the arts, National...

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Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund

REQUIREMENTS: Fund is for queer writers of color only, not organizations or nonprofits, who are in need of financial assistance ONLINE APPLICATION Shade Literary Arts has created a COVID-19 relief...

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Navigating Unemployment for Theatre Artists

Online Resource to help unemployed Theatre Artists in the United States including eligibility for unemployment, how to apply, and what documents you will need in order to apply.

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Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant

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Mayer Foundation Emergency Relief Grant

REQUIREMENTS: Description of the assistance needed with goals and objectives Category of need- disaster relief, low income, lack of financial resources, loss of employment, loss of property, or poor health...

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Sweet Relief Donor Direct Fund

REQUIREMENTS: A completed Sweet Relief Application (available on their website) Supplementary documentation proving that at least 50% of all income comes from working within the music community Proof of cancellations...

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New York Foundation for the Arts- Rauschenberg Emergency Grants

REQUIREMENTS: Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident in the United States, District of Columbia, or U.S. Territories Must demonstrate current and ongoing activity in artistic discipline(s) Applicants cannot...

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Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana Emergency Relief Funds

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation is offering disaster and crisis relief grants for community needs including immediate need and medium-term needs. Grant awards go up to...

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The ProBono Project COVID-19 Resources

The ProBono Project, located in New Orleans, LA, offers free legal advice and free civil legal aid to members of the community. They are offering resources and help to those...

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Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

SLLS provides free, civil legal aid to low-income people across 22 parishes in Southeast Louisiana. Offices are located in Baton Rouge, Covington, Hammond, Harvey, Houma, and New Orleans.

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U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance

The United States Business Administration is offering Disaster Loan Assistance for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners, and Renters. It is an online application.

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NOLA Public Schools Child Nutrition Program

REQUIREMENTS: Available for children under 18 who currently attend public school Students over the age of 18 enrolled in K-12 schools, including students with disabilities through age 22, are also...

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

REQUIREMENTS: Proof of Identity Proof of Residence Proof of Citizenship Proof of Enumeration Work Registration Louisiana's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a monthly allotment for grocery help for low-income...

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Hospitality Cares Pandemic Response Fund

REQUIREMENTS: Each at or below minimum ALICE household survival budget of \$30,00 for an individual and \$61,000 for household with children. Reside in United Way of Southeast Louisiana's Parish service...

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New Orleans and Louisiana Emergency Funding and Assistance

- Red Bull Arts Microgrants Now Available for New Orleans-area Artists! Apply Now
- CERF+ Launches Second Cycle of COVID-19 Relief Grant Program - Apply Now
- New Orleans Creative Response Relief Fund Grants Applications Open - Apply Now
- Jazz Road Quick Assist Fund for jazz artists
- New Orleans Creative Response - COVID-19 Support for NOLA Artists
- US Small Business Association Paycheck Protection Program: Info Here - Borrowers Apply Here
- New Orleans Musicians' Clinic COVID-19 Resources and Information
- Emergency Grants for Gig Workers: New Orleans Business Alliance Relief Fund for Gig Economy Workers -- information and online application
- United Way of Southeast LA Crisis Grants for Hospitality Workers, Hospitality Cares Pandemic Response Fund
- Snap Benefits (Food Stamps), Get SNAP,
- Emergency Food Donations: COVID-19 - Second Harvest Food Bank
- Unemployment Benefits in LA
- Child Nutrition for Children in NO Public Schools
- Catholic Charities New Orleans (Food, Unemployment, Medicaid applications)
- Diaper Bank for Babies/Junior League
- SBA Loans for organizations/businesses/non-profits
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Assistance
- Legal Assistance Probono New Orleans
- Eviction Assistance in New Orleans

New Orleans Utilities

- Sewerage and Water Board/Restore Water Service/Prevent Disconnection
- Cox Cable Service Interruption
- Cellular Service: Verizon
- Cellular Service AT&T

List of Open Businesses and Food Options

- <https://www.staylocal.org/find>
- <https://takeoutcovid.com>
- <https://nomenu.com/posts/the-list>

NATIONAL ARTIST RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

Artist Emergency Funding:

- Freelance Audio Fund, providing relief to the professional audio community impacted by COVID-19
- The Women's Center for Creative Work COVID-19 Grants
- Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund
- PEN America's Writers' Emergency Fund Grants
- For filmmakers of color: Firelight's William Greaves Fund
- Dramatists Guild Foundation Emergency Grants
- For playwrights, composers, lyricists, and librettists: Bret Adams & Paul Reisch Foundation COVID-19 Response Grant Lottery
- Author's League Fund - Apply for Assistance
- Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Fund
- Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund
- Artists Relief Tree Fund for COVID-19
- Warhol Foundation Offers Emergency Relief Grants for Artists
- New Music USA Solidarity Fund for Freelance Artists - Apply Here
- Emergency Grants for Women Artists Over 40
- Small Business Association COVID-19 Disaster Loan Assistance
- Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants
- New Music USA Announces Solidarity Fund for New/Creative/Improvised Music Artists
- Advice for theater professionals
- American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) Relief Fund
- Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund Application (for musicians dealing with cancelled gigs)
- MusiCares Relief Fund for musicians in need
- Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS – What we do together, makes a difference
- Am I eligible for help?, Actors Fund
- Musicians Foundation / CV19 Emergency Aid Grant Program
- Rauschenberg Emergency Grants for artists with unexpected medical bills
- Sweet Relief COVID-19 Fund for music industry workers
- Shade Literary Arts Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund
- US BlackChambers Micro Loan/Grant Program
- The National Endowment for the Arts
- Writers' Emergency Fund
- New York Foundation for the Arts

- Authors League Fund: Home
- Entertainment Assistance Program
- Blues Musician Emergency Fund
- Jazz Musician Emergency Fund
- Gospel Music Emergency Fund
- Emergency Grant, Gottleib Foundation
- City of Boston Arts and Culture - Boston Artist Relief Fund
- North Carolina Artists Relief Fund
- Arts & Cultural Leaders of Color Fund
- COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources
- 3Arts in Chicago is compiling a list of emergency funding for artists
- “Emergency Funds—All Art Forms,” from WomenArts
- Freelance Artists and Cultural Workers in all Disciplines
- “Freelancers & Community Resources 2020” Google doc
- “Relief + Resources from Arts Organizations,” information from CERF+ on emergency financial relief, emergency residencies, and other emergency resources for artists
- Creative Sonoma list of emergency funds and resources, for both West Coast and national artists

Artist Work Opportunities:

- CAC 2020 Call for Artists: "Make America What America Must Become" - Deadline April 30, 2020
- SculptureCenter's 2021 In Practice Call for Artist Proposals - Deadline June 15, 2020
- Amplifier's Gloal Open Call for Art - 30 winning artists receive \$1,000 each
- Writers: Submit Work to Apogee Journal's Open Reading Period

LEGAL RESOURCES

- Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
- Contracts, Coronavirus and Crisis, from LinkedIn
- Gig Cancellations due to Coronavirus: Survival Tips for Freelancers

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Register to volunteer Medical and Behavioral Health, City of New Orleans
- Second Harvest Foodbank: Register to volunteer
- HandsOn New Orleans, Volunteering Opportunities

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- Alcohol and substance abuse resources and ways to get help from The Addiction Group
- Drugwatch: "What you should know about COVID-19 if you are older or have a chronic condition"
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Talking to Children about Covid-19
- Disaster Distress Hotline
- “Self-care tips if you become sick with COVID-19 from an activist nurse” Google doc
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, “Taking Care of Your Mental Health in the Face of Uncertainty”

- “How to Prevent Loneliness in a Time of Social Distancing,” from Scientific American

ARTS ADVOCACY EFFORTS

- Support #CongressSaveCulture, an effort led by The Metropolitan Museum of Art to secure \$4 billion for arts and culture institutions across the country
- HR 6201, FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT
- Tell Congress to include displaced entertainment workers in relief package
- Support Economic Assistance for Nonprofit Theatres and Artists Impacted by Coronavirus
- Supporting Artists with Families in Our COVID-19 Plans | PAAL
- Actors’ Equity Calls For Government Relief For Theater Workers In Wake Of Local Bans On Mass Gatherings
- Demands from Grassroots Organizers Concerning COVID-19
- Performing Arts Alliance online campaign to Congress, “Nonprofits Need Access to COVID-19 Relief”
- American Alliance of Museums online campaign “Tell Congress: Include Museums and all Nonprofits in COVID-19 Relief and Economic Stimulus Packages”
- Council of Nonprofits letter to Congress, “Why Nonprofits Must Be Included in a COVID-19 Relief and Economic Stimulus Package”
- Actors’ Equity press releases

HOW TO GUIDES

- “Teaching Theatre Online: A Shift in Pedagogy Amidst Coronavirus Outbreak,” originally created by Dr. Daphnie Sicre
- Panel: Artists In a Time of Global Pandemic (ASL & Captioned), For US-Based
- “Corona Virus: Resources: Arts, Culture and Cultural Mobility,” from On the Move
- How to plan a virtual event on VIMEO <https://vimeo.com/enterprise/live-production-broadcast>
- How to Organize a Watch Party on Facebook: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odfNE4YQ6L8>
- Fresh Arts hosts Facebook Livestreams about how to help artists survive during COVID-19 and other crises
- Howlround offers free online streaming platform for arts organizations to go digital

FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

- The emergency preparedness service ArtsReady has assembled resources related to Coronavirus specific to arts organizations and continues to update them here
- Creative Capital, “List of Arts Resources During the COVID-19 Outbreak”
- The American Alliance of Museums, “COVID-19/Coronavirus Resources & Information for the Museum Field”
- Statement and emergency fund for artists and arts administrators of color from Arts Administrators of Color Network
- Americans for the Arts 5-minute survey: The Economic Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on the Arts and Cultural Sector
- Alliance of Artists Communities, “COVID-19 Preparedness for Residencies”
- Association of Performing Arts Professionals’ list of resources, including an updated list of webinars
- “Ways of Gathering in the Age of COVID-19: A Guide to Livestreaming on HowlRound TV”

- “COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and Arts Funding: Update and action items” from Grantmakers in the Arts
- Springboard for the Arts, “Principles for Ethical Cancellation“
- Howlround offers free online streaming platform for arts organizations to go digital
- Facebook Small Business Grants
- Kickstarter Resources for Artists Guide

ON RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Asian Americans Advancing Justice Statement on Discrimination and the Coronavirus Epidemic
- The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies’ National Call to Action
- Design Studio for Social Intervention, “Social Justice in a Time of Social Distancing”
- “Cover the Coronavirus without Being an Ableist Asshole” from Bitch Media

FOR ARTS PATRONS AND SUPPORTERS

- For Families: "13 Virtual Museums and Galleries to Tour," Million Mile Secrets
- “Things to Do (to support the arts right now)”, Crosscut
- “Funders, this is the rainy day you have been saving up for”, Nonprofit AF
- Seven Things You Can do to support your arts community, Americans for the Arts
- How to Help Arts Workers Hurt by the Pandemic: Give, but Safely

MEDIA AND PRESS

- Vox is seeking stories about how the coronavirus has impacted your life.
- [A Daily Report on How COVID-19 Is Impacting the Art World](#), HyperAllergic
- Art Groups are headed into crisis, a few things might help, Vulture Magazine

Emergency Funds – All Art Forms

Taken from: <https://www.womenarts.org/funding-resources/emergencyfunds/#EmergencyMusicians>

PLEASE NOTE: WomenArts does not make any emergency cash grants. Unfortunately we do not have the staff to advise you about finding emergency funds. We are providing this list to help you find other organizations where you can apply for funding.

(Page last updated: 3/12/2020)

[Emergency Funds for Artists in All Disciplines](#)

[Emergency Funds for Writers](#)

[Emergency Funds for Visual Artists](#)

[Emergency Funds for Musicians](#)

Emergency Funds for Artists in All Disciplines

Max’s Kansas City Project

Max's Kansas City Project provides emergency funding and resources to professionals in the creative arts who live in New York state. Individuals who have made their living through their art form, either professionally or personally, and demonstrate a financial need for medical aid, legal aid, or housing. The maximum grant is \$1,000.

Max's Kansas City Project

Contact Info: <https://maxskansascity.org/contact-us/>

Website: <https://maxskansascity.org/emergency-grants/>

The Actors Fund

Provides a list of health insurance for artists in all disciplines

Website: www.actorsfund.org/ahirc/

Provides a list of emergency resources for artists in all disciplines.

Website: www.actorsfund.org/search/node/emergency

The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA)

Offers lists of emergency funds for artists in a variety of disciplines affected by recent natural disasters. <https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/Emergency%20Grants>

NYFA has another page of emergency resources

at: <https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/Emergency%20Resources>

NYFA have a list of resources related to the coronavirus outbreak

at: <https://current.nyfa.org/post/612485365185560576/covid-19-resources-and-updates-from-nyfa>

While you're visiting the NYFA website, please note their [Other Online Resources](#), such as the NYFA Source (a searchable online database of opportunities for artists), the NYFA Current magazine, and the NYFA Classifieds opportunity listings.

Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants Program

Created in 1993 to further FCA's mission to encourage, sponsor, and promote work of a contemporary, experimental nature, Emergency Grants provide urgent funding for visual and performing artists who:

- Have sudden, unanticipated opportunities to present their work to the public when there is insufficient time to seek other sources of funding
- Incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects close to completion with committed exhibition or performance dates

Emergency Grants is the only active, multi-disciplinary program that offers immediate assistance of this kind to artists living and working anywhere in the United States, for projects occurring in the U.S. and abroad.

Each month FCA receives an average of 95 Emergency Grant applications and makes approximately 12-15 grants. Grants range in amount from \$500 to \$2,500, and the average grant is now \$1,600.

We recommend that artists review all of our eligibility guidelines and FAQs before applying. You may also complete our [Eligibility Questionnaire](#), but please note that the questionnaire is not a substitute for a thorough review of program guidelines.

Website: <https://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grants/emergency-grants>

Emergency Funds for Writers

Carnegie Fund for Authors

The applicant must be an American author who has published at least one full-length work — fiction or nonfiction — that has been published by a mainstream publisher. Applicants cannot have eligibility determined by a work that they paid to have published. A work may have been published in eBook format only, or in hardcover or softcover format, or in more than one format.

An applicant must demonstrate need; the emergency may be because of illness or some other urgent need such as fire, flood, hurricane, etc. Documentation should be included with the application: a doctor's letter or other proof of the emergency situation.

Website: <https://www.carnegiefundforauthors.org/grant-eligibility>

Authors League Fund

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

Website: <https://authorsleaguefund.org/apply/>

The PEN Writers Fund

Emergency fund for professional—published or produced—writers with serious financial difficulties. Depending on the situation, the fund gives grants or loans of up to \$2,000.

Website: <http://www.pen.org/writers-emergency-fund>

Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America

Offers interest-free loans to members facing unexpected medical expenses.

Website: <http://www.sfwa.org/about/benevolent-funds/emergency-medical-fund/>

American Society of Journalists & Authors Writers Emergency Assistance Fund

Helping established freelance writers across the country who, because of advanced age, illness, disability, a natural disaster, or an extraordinary professional crisis, are unable to work. Membership in ASJA not required. No grants to beginning freelancers seeking funding for writing projects; no grants to fund works-in-progress of any kind. Maximum grant: \$3,500.

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

Emergency Funds for Visual Artists

Artists Fellowship

The Artists' Fellowship provides emergency aid to professional fine artists and their families in times of sickness, natural disaster, bereavement or unexpected extreme hardship. Primarily serving artists in New York. <https://www.artistsfellowship.org/financial-aid>

They provide a list of Emergency Aid granting programs at: <https://www.artistsfellowship.org/emergency-aid-resources>

CERF + (Formerly the Craft Emergency Relief Fund)

CERF+ serves artists who work in craft disciplines by providing a safety net to support strong and sustainable careers. CERF+'s core services are education programs, advocacy, network building and emergency relief. CERF+ is currently focusing its relief aid on those infected with Covid-19 who require intensive medical care.

Website: <https://cerfplus.org/>

The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation

The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant program is intended to provide interim financial assistance to qualified painters, printmakers, and sculptors whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation. Each grant is given as one-time assistance for a specific emergency, examples of which are fire, flood, or emergency medical need. To be eligible for this program, an artist must be able to demonstrate a minimum involvement of ten years in a mature phase of his or her work. Artists must work in the disciplines of painting, sculpture or printmaking. Average grant size: \$5,000.

Website: <https://www.gottliebfoundation.org/emergency-grant>

Emergency Funds for Musicians

Musicians Foundation

Helps professional musicians who have worked five or more years in the U.S. by providing emergency financial assistance in meeting current living, medical and allied expenses. Applicants must be able to show that their music is or was their primary source of income.

Website: <http://www.musiciansfoundation.org/apply/>

Jazz Musicians Emergency Fund

The JMEF is committed to helping jazz professionals, especially older musicians, overcome their hard times and to help them get back on their feet, making emergency funds available for immediate needs. They have programs for housing and emergency assistance, a network of pro bono medical care providers, and disaster relief.

Website: <http://www.musiciansfoundation.org/apply/>

MusicCares Foundation

MusiCares may grant short-term financial assistance for personal or addiction needs that have arisen due to unforeseen circumstances. Funding may be awarded for needs such as rent, car payments, insurance premiums, utilities, medical/dental expenses, psychotherapy, addiction treatment, sober living, and other personal expenses.

Applicants must be able to show that they have worked in the music industry for at least five years or that they have six commercially released recordings or videos (singles).

Website: <https://www.grammy.com/musicares/get-help>

Music Maker Relief Foundation

Helps the pioneers and forgotten heroes of Southern musical traditions gain recognition and meet their day to day needs. Criteria for recipients is they be rooted in a Southern musical tradition, be 55 years or older and have an annual income less than \$18,000. Musician Sustenance – Grants for necessities such as food, medical needs, housing. Emergency Relief – Substantial one-time grants to recipients in crisis (medical, fire, theft, etc.).

Website: www.musicmaker.org

Sweet Relief Musicians Fund

Provides financial assistance to all types of career musicians who are facing illness, disability, or age-related problems. The applicant must be a musician who has regular public performances, or performed on at least three widely released recordings (audio or audiovisual), or written music that has been performed on three widely released recordings, or published on three occasions.

Website: www.sweetrelief.org

Taken from [Relief resources for musicians, artists and service industry workers | The Latest | Gambit Weekly | nola.com](#)

As the COVID-19 pandemic stretches on, New Orleans' musicians, artists and service industry workers — the people who create the city's culture and fuel its economy — will be some of the hardest hit. But there are resources and relief funds available to help soften the financial blow.

Below is a running list of relief efforts for those who make their income from playing music, slinging drinks and selling art. If you want to help out, many of these resources accept donations. Other organizations are helping to spread other resource information to area musicians (listed at end of this article).

This list will be updated as more efforts become known. Send any tips to Jake at jclapp@gambitweekly.com.

Artist Relief Tree. www.facebook.com/artistrelieftree. Organized by artists across the country, the Artist Relief Tree is offering help to freelance and independent artists. "Anyone who is an artist (of any kind) can request funds," the project says on Facebook. It plans to provide \$250 on a first-come-first-serve basis to artists who meet basic criteria. Artist Relief Tree accepts donations.

Contemporary Arts Center's list of COVID-19 Artists & Community Resources. www.cacno.org/covid19. The Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans has collected a long list of national sources of emergency funding for artists.

COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources. www.covid19freelanceartistresource.wordpress.com. The website is an aggregated list of free resources for freelance artists, including information about emergency funding, general preparedness, online teaching, mental health and strategies for being a better ally for friends during tough times.

Culture Aid Nola. www.cultureaidnola.yolasite.com. Partnership of nonprofit organizations directing aid to culture and hospitality workers. The group distributes free meal kits weekly as well as sharing information about available resources and guides. Partnership between 504HealthNet, The Music & Culture Coalition of New Orleans, Trinity Loaves & Fishes, the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic & Assistance Foundation and Octo Hospitality.

Culturalyst. www.culturalyst.com. A new, free-to-use artist directory and livestreaming platform. Pages can also host Venmo, PayPal and Cash App direct tipping. Culturalyst is a New Orleans-based company, and lists musicians, visual and performing artists, fashion creators and other culture bearers.

Gayle Benson Community Assistance Fund. www.gnof.org/benson. New Orleans Saints and Pelicans owner Gayle Benson donated \$1 million to create a fund with the help of the Greater New Orleans Foundation. Funds will be awarded to nonprofits that support service and hospitality workers and other nonprofit groups.

Hospitality Cares Pandemic Response Fund. www.unitedwaySELA.org/hospitalitycares. The relief fund provides one-time emergency grants up to \$500. Grant applicants must earn at or below \$30,000 a year as an individual or \$61,000 as a household with children; must reside in the United Way of Southeast Louisiana's service area (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington parishes); have worked in a Louisiana-based restaurant, bar or hotel between Feb. 1, 2020, and the date of

application; and are experiencing a financial emergency tied to the COVID-19 pandemic. A 2018 or 2019 tax return, government-issued ID or driver's license, and a recent check stub are also required with the application.

Jazz & Heritage Music Relief Fund. [Click here for link.](#) Relief fund for Louisiana musicians organized by the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation. Professional musicians who live in Louisiana and have lost a substantial part of their income from loss of live performances are eligible to apply.

Jazz Foundation of America Musicians' Emergency Fund. www.jazzfoundation.org. The fund helps musicians playing blues, jazz and roots music with housing and emergency assistance, medical care and disaster relief. The foundation encourages interested musicians to contact the group directly at (212) 245-3999 and online at www.jazzfoundation.org/contact.

Map of schools serving meals for kids. [Click here for link.](#) The New Orleans Food Policy Advisory Committee has organized a Google map of school sites in the city that will be community feeding locations open to people 18 years or younger. Students can pick up grab-and-go meals for breakfast and lunch. They do not have to be a student at that particular school to receive food.

Meals for Musicians. gf.me/u/xrt5u8. A program created by The Howlin' Wolf and The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic. Offers food vouchers to musicians, which can be used for pre-made meals available for curbside pickup noon to 2 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at The Howlin' Wolf Den. Vouchers can be claimed by emailing services@nomaf.org. A GoFundMe is accepting donations with all proceeds going to the Musicians' Clinic. Call (504) 415-3514 for more information.

Music Maker Relief Foundation. www.musicmaker.org. Provides support for elderly Southern musicians living in chronic poverty and offers emergency grants to artists in crisis. For information about services, call (919) 643-2456 or email 411@musicmaker.org. To donate, go to musicmaker.org/donations.

MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund. www.grammy.com/musicares. The national Recording Academy and its affiliated foundation, MusiCares, have set up a relief fund for music professionals during the coronavirus pandemic. Applicants do not have to be a Recording Academy member. Music industry professionals can apply for assistance for covering rent or mortgage, with initial requests up to \$1,000. Applicants must have been employed in the music industry for at least five years, or have at least six commercially released singles or six music videos. Documentation of loss of income and a copy of a lease or mortgage statement is needed.

Musicians Foundation. www.musiciansfoundation.org. One-time grants up to \$200 available for qualifying professional performers, educators and composers. Applicants must have five years of professional performing, teaching or composing experience, have a filed 2018 1040 tax return and provide resume or biography and proof of work cancellation. Call (212) 239-9138 or email applications@musiciansfoundation.org with questions.

New Orleans Bartender Tip Party. www.laurasanders.fun/nola-tip-party. New Orleans comedian, illustrator and designer Laura Sanders has organized a list of area bartenders and their Venmo accounts. People who want to help out can then donate to workers directly.

New Orleans Business Alliance relief fund for gig workers. www.nolaba.org/relief-fund/. For musicians, festival production staff, arena workers, ride-hailing drivers and others. Applicants must live in Orleans Parish, earn 60% of their income from gigs and have lost income due to coronavirus. Recipients will be able to receive amounts from \$500 to \$1,000 depending on need, and can reapply after 45 days.

NOLA Virtual Tip Jar. [Click here for link](#). A public Google document, started on Twitter by [Kristen Monteleone](#), an accountant and former service industry worker, [that collects](#) the Venmo, Cash App and PayPal usernames of area service industry workers. People who are able and want to help out can then donate to workers directly.

Second Harvest Food Bank. (855) 392-9338; www.no-hunger.org. Second Harvest offers assistance with food pantry referrals, SNAP, finding community support counselors and other safety net programs. The organization also is serving daily meals for children and seniors.

Songdap. www.songdap.com. A new site, Songdap is a platform where users can request and purchase custom songs from musicians. Through April 16, the [service is eliminating its fee](#) so all proceeds go to participating musicians. Among the New Orleans artists listed on the website are Alfred Banks, Ricky B, Teddy Lamson, Julie Odell, John "Papa" Gros, Quintron and Miss Pussycat and Stanton Moore.

Sweet Relief Musicians Fund. www.sweetrelief.org. The California-based nonprofit helps working musicians across the country with emergency needs. It recently created a new donor-directed fund to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Applicants must](#) be a working musician, demonstrate a financial need, have or recently had a serious medical condition (exceptions for retired or semi-retired older musicians) and have had canceled bookings.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). www.dcf.la.gov/getSNAP. SNAP provides monthly benefits for low-income households to help with grocery purchases. More information can be found online or at (888) 524-3578.

Unemployment insurance. www.louisianaworks.net/hire. Workers who are experiencing a temporary layoff or a reduction in hours can apply for unemployment benefits. Maximum weekly benefit is \$247. Applications can be filed online through The Louisiana Workforce Commission or by calling (866) 783-5567.

USBG National Charity Foundation. www.usbgfoundation.org/beap. The charity arm for the United States Bartenders Guild, the USBG National Charity Foundation awards grants to bartenders who have lost work or are going through an emergency. Applicants to the Bartender Emergency Assistance Program (BEAP) must be a bartender, or the spouse or child of a bartender, and provide a description of the hardship.

Viral Music Facebook group. [Click here for link](#). The "Viral Music — Because Kindness is Contagious" Facebook group is a public page where independent musicians across the country can post their work, and music lovers can look through it to find new artists to support. The group has exploded as the COVID-19 has spread and now features more than 21,000 members, including many New Orleans and other south Louisiana musicians.

Additional organizations and information resources for musicians

- **Music and Culture Coalition of New Orleans** (www.maccno.com)
- **New Orleans Musicians' Clinic** (www.neworleansmusiciansclinic.org)
- **WWOZ Radio** (www.woz.org).

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COVID-19 ASSISTANCE FOR THE CULTURAL COMMUNITY

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JAZZ AND HERITAGE MUSIC INDUSTRY WORKER RELIEF FUND (OPEN UNTIL APRIL 6)

Must be a professional music industry worker for at least 1 year, 18+ years old, and living in Louisiana. Previous grantees are welcome to apply. Applicants who don't have reliable access to a computer or internet may call the Jazz & Heritage Relief Line at 504-558-6108 to complete their application over the phone.

LDOA INDIVIDUAL ARTIST RELIEF GRANTS (OPEN UNTIL APRIL 16)

Grants in range of \$1000. Open to professional artists of all disciplines, including but not limited to visual, music, dance, performance, literary and indigenous/cultural practices. Must be 18+ years old and a Louisiana resident. *Scroll down on link provided to find the grant application.*

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Financial assistance is available for both tenants and landlords, and can cover up to 12 months of rent (though there is a maximum limit per month). Payment will generally be sent directly to landlords, and applications are being accepted online, in person, or by mail. Households eligible to apply if they meet one of the following criteria: current income at or below 60% of Area Median Income (about \$42,000/yr for family of 4); experiencing significant financial hardship due to COVID-19; at risk of homelessness/housing insecurity. [Online Tenant Application here.](#)

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 ASSISTANCE FOR THE CULTURAL COMMUNITY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOOD ASSISTANCE

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

OTHER ASSISTANCE

MACCNO LOW BARRIER COVID-19 CULTURAL RELIEF GRANTS

*****ROUND 2 OF OUR GRANTS IS CURRENTLY AT CAPACITY*****

HERE'S HOW THE GRANTS WORK:

Those most in need of aid often have the most difficulty accessing it, so our grant process is set up so that people can apply themselves, but also refer others. Because we know not everyone has equal access to an online application, we are also directly reaching out to members of the cultural community and cultural organizations to see if they know anyone in need of assistance.

Our process is simple—we conduct a roughly 10-15 minute intake interview over the phone with applicants/people who have been referred. No formal documentation of lost income or cancelled gigs is needed. Once complete, funds are distributed via Paypal, CashApp, or paper check as soon as possible. Intake calls are completed and grants are distributed in the order in which applications/referrals are received, with priority is given to those aged 70+ and individuals who are having difficulty accessing other forms of financial assistance. All grants are \$250, and practitioners of all cultural disciplines/activities who live or work/practice in Orleans Parish are eligible to apply. If you refer someone for a grant, please let them know so they expect our call.

APPLY OR REFER SOMEONE FOR A MACCNO GRANT HERE

For more information or if you have questions about our mini-grants, e-mail mailings@maccno.com or call 504-327-7713.

Below is a list of our community and national partners.

[504HealthNet](#)

Comprised of 22 non-profit and governmental organizations in the Greater New Orleans area, whose membership is open to those who provide primary care or behavioral health services in a community setting irrespective of the client's ability to pay, with a special focus on low-income, uninsured populations.

[Actor's Fund of America](#)

Provides a broad spectrum of social, health, employment, and housing programs that address the critical needs of entertainment industry professionals.

[American Federation of Musicians Local 174-496](#)

The local musicians union provides assistance to New Orleans musicians such as affordable equipment insurance, AFM employer pension plan, and contract planning among a myriad of other services.

[Ashé Cultural Arts Center](#)

Uses art and culture to support and provide opportunities for art presentations, community development, artist support, and the creation of partnerships that amplify outreach and support efforts.

[Athletes and the Arts](#)

Integrating the science of sport and the performing arts for the mutual benefit of both. Athletes and the Arts is an initiative focused on linking the sport athlete and musician/performing artist communities through collaborative exchange and application of wellness, training and performance research and initiatives.

[Brett Thomas Doussan Foundation](#)

The mission of the Brett Thomas Doussan Foundation Nonprofit Corporation is to raise mental health awareness by means of advocacy, education, and music. Through our endeavors in the Greater New Orleans area and across the Gulf South, we hope to keep the legacy of our beloved friend, Brett Thomas Doussan, alive in the community that fostered his deep passion and appreciation for music. All funds donated to NOMAF from The Brett Thomas Doussan Foundation are allocated towards Mental Health.

[Crescent City Classic 10K](#)

The Classic is New Orleans' (and the region's) premier 10k road race, and one of the oldest 10k races in the nation. For 37 years, it has combined world class competition, amateur participation and great fun for all participants.

[Crescent City Farmers Market](#)

A project of MarketUmbrella.Org, The Crescent City Farmers Market holds 4 producer-only, weekly farmers markets rain or shine in different New Orleans neighborhoods year-round.

[CrescentCare](#)

Provides quality care to individuals, couples and families that seek a “medical home” where they can consistently go for care. They are particularly focused on our Greater New Orleans neighbors who come from underserved communities: the service industry, the LGBT community and slowly developing neighborhoods.

[Culture Aid NOLA](#)

Culture Aid NOLA (CAN) serves the culture of New Orleans by distributing free, fresh food to the New Orleans community without barriers. CAN launched in March 2020, as a collaborative effort between several cultural service nonprofits. The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic and Assistance Foundation served as CAN's fiscal agent until December 31, 2020, when CAN became an independent 501c3 nonprofit.

[ELLA Project](#)

The Ella Project was launched in January 2004 by co-founders Ashlye Keaton and Gene Meneray in partnership of the Arts Council of New Orleans, Tipitina's Foundation, and Tulane Law School to offer dedicated pro bono legal assistance to low to moderate income artists, musicians, and grass roots non-profits of Louisiana. The Ella Project has served more than 2000 clients and offered in depth workshops across the gulf south. In 2016, ELLA became a stand alone non profit organization, dedicated to the tenets of arts business development, legal services, cultural advocacy, and policy engagement.

[Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine at Tulane University](#)

The Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine at Tulane University is the first dedicated teaching kitchen to be implemented at a medical school. The center provides hands-on training for medical students through culinary medicine classes in the form of electives and seminars as well as continuing education for the healthcare and foodservice industries. The Goldring Center partners with the Dancer Wellness Program to provide a state of the art space for athletic nutrition instruction and cooking demos for performers.

[Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center](#)

The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) is a nonprofit civil rights organization established in 1995 to eradicate housing discrimination. GNOFHAC's work throughout Louisiana includes education, investigation and enforcement activities. GNOFHAC is dedicated to fighting housing discrimination because it is an illegal and divisive force that perpetuates, ignorance, fear and hatred.

[HeadCount](#)

HeadCount is a non-partisan organization that uses the power of music to register voters and promote participation in democracy. We reach young people and music fans where they already are – at concerts and online – to inform and empower.

[Healing Hands Across the Divide](#)

Identifies and eliminates health care disparities for those who live in inner City New Orleans by holding community-event based health screenings.

[Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living \(TFL\)](#)

Provides statewide coordination of existing tobacco control initiatives, funding for innovative community programming for tobacco control, a statewide media campaign, administration of a state hospital system cessation program, and monitoring and evaluation of program impacts and outcomes.

[Louisiana Center for Health Equity](#)

Works to address the increasing disparities in health and healthcare across Louisiana caused by poverty, lack of access to quality health care and unhealthy environmental conditions with a focus on wellness and community health.

[Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation](#)

The primary mission of LCEF is to be a catalyst for the development and enhancement of the distinct cultural industries of Louisiana by promoting the economic health and quality of life of our cultural economy workforce.

[Louisiana Public Health Institute](#)

Louisiana Public Health Institute is a nonprofit organization that serves as a partner and convener to improve population-level health outcomes.

[LSU Health Sciences Center](#)

Was one of the first medical partnerships of the NOMC, donating medical supplies, healthcare workers, and providing countless services to our musicians.

[Magnolia Physical Therapy](#)

Magnolia Physical Therapy provides physical therapy and wellness services to the New Orleans, LA area. We help our patients overcome pain and feel better!

[Marigny Opera Ballet](#)

[The Marigny Opera Ballet](#), New Orleans' resident dance company, was founded in 2014 to provide professional experience to local dancers, choreographers and musicians. The innovative, professional company of dancers performs original work, including full-length ballets. In 2015 and 2016 the company received awards for performance and choreography from the Gambit Weekly's Tribute to the Classical Arts. Known for its unique New Orleans aesthetic of fusion, live music, and the unexpected, the Ballet has performed to a wide gamut of music and musicians in New Orleans. For more information, visit their [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

[National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

NAMI New Orleans offers hope, help, and healing to people with mental illness – and to those who share their lives – through family support, education and advocacy, and quality psychosocial services.

[National Hearing Conservation Association \(NHCA\)](#)

Seeks to prevent hearing loss due to noise and other environmental factors in all sectors of society, and gain increased insights regarding occupational hearing conservation.

[New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation](#)

Preservation and promotion of jazz music in New Orleans through education, programs, and community projects.

[New Orleans Theatre Association](#)

The [New Orleans Theatre Association](#) (NOTA) supports local cultural programming through grants to established and emerging arts organizations and educational institutions. NOTA has provided funding for the Musicians' Clinic to support its efforts to offer mental health services to the local creative community.

[Odyssey House Louisiana](#)

Odyssey House Louisiana is a nonprofit behavioral healthcare facility with an emphasis on addiction treatment.

[OffBeat Magazine](#)

OffBeat Magazine is the definitive guide to the Louisiana & New Orleans music scene, featuring news, album reviews, artist interviews, concert listings, and much more! Celebrating New Orleans & Louisiana Music & Culture Since 1988, available in print and online at [OffBeat.Com](#)

[Performing Arts Medicine Association](#)

The [Performing Arts Medicine Association](#) (PAMA) is an international member organization comprised of dedicated physicians, therapists, trainers, educators and administrators, as well as performers and students with the common goal of improving the well-being of performing artists. Members of PAMA are professionals in fields that include research, education, and clinical practice.

[Saint Thomas Community Health Center](#)

Improves the health of the New Orleans region by providing a culturally competent, patient-centered medical home that is high quality and affordable.

[Threadhead Cultural Foundation](#)

The Foundation raises funds through memberships, fundraising events and donations which are in turn granted to artists and artistic projects. Because of their strong attachment to the people and culture of New Orleans, this marvelous group continues to support these projects, helping to ensure the heart of their beloved New Orleans continues to beat.

[Trixie Minx](#)

[Trixie Minx](#) is a New Orleans burlesque performer, producer and cultural ambassador, as well as a leading member of the Dancer Wellness Program. Known for her artistic and comic-inspired acts, she has entertained audiences across the world. Trixie Minx partnered with the NOMC as a community health advocate in the local burlesque community and has been an active participant in a range of wellness programs and events.

[WHIV 102.3 FM](#)

WHIV is dedicated to diverse original programming that promotes public health, human rights and social justice.

[WWOZ Radio](#)

Listener-supported, volunteer-operated radio station in New Orleans, playing popular and rare music found nowhere but here.