



# Exit Packet 2024

*A compilation of resources and information to support you  
as you transition out of the program*

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# Transition Support for Artists and Organizations

## End of Grant Details

### When is my last paycheck?

Your last day of grant-funded employment should be on or around June 30, 2024. Please check with your employer of record (either your collaborating organization or Tribeworks, depending on where your checks come from) to understand what your official last day is and when you will receive your last paycheck.

### Am I Eligible for Unemployment Benefits?

CRNY funded W2 employment for Artist Employment Program artists so that they would be eligible for the same benefits as all salaried workers, which includes unemployment benefits. If your position is being eliminated because your employer can no longer fund your salary, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits through the New York State Department of Labor. Learn more about eligibility and how to apply for unemployment here: <https://dol.ny.gov/what-do-i-need-file>

### What Will Happen With My Health Insurance?

If you are currently enrolled in health insurance through your employer, please check in with them (either your collaborating organization or Tribeworks, depending on where your checks come from) to understand what your official last day is and when your insurance coverage ends. Your employer should offer guidance on healthcare options (e.g., COBRA or the NYS Health Exchange) that will be available to you once their coverage ends. You can also watch a recorded zoom session about transitioning off employer-sponsored healthcare here:

[https://uso6web.zoom.us/rec/share/IONmoAqwT-zOP\\_UXg53qnpJOfVJc3oOFwbv\\_SGe6y2Lgma7\\_HWig\\_uVcLGy3SqCC.6CJytUF438u8zrWB](https://uso6web.zoom.us/rec/share/IONmoAqwT-zOP_UXg53qnpJOfVJc3oOFwbv_SGe6y2Lgma7_HWig_uVcLGy3SqCC.6CJytUF438u8zrWB) (Passcode: 9Qac@r26)

### What About Unused Vacation or Sick Leave?

Every organization has their own standard policies regarding unused vacation and sick leave; Artist Employment Program artists are subject to the same policies as all of the organization's other regular full-time employees. Please refer to your organization's employee handbook or meet with the person in charge of your benefits to understand your specific situation.

### Am I supposed to send you a final report?

**No!** We are grateful to hear about all of the incredible work you've done in your collaborations in our final round of check-ins. We look forward to sharing media, links,

and information about your collaborations on our website and social media platforms, but there is no requirement for an official final report.

### Will there be another application and round of funding?

**No, Creatives Rebuild New York was launched as a 3-year initiative.** Because of this short timeline, we provided only one round of funding. We hope you join our research and storytelling initiatives so that we can tell the story of this work and make it sustainable.

### Can I still connect with the CRNY Team?

We are here to help through December 2024. Please email us at [aep@creativesrebuildny.org](mailto:aep@creativesrebuildny.org) if you need to reach us.

### Direct Support

As the grant comes to an end, we hope the following free recordings of workshops and information sessions help you navigate next steps for your artistry and your basic needs.

### Sustaining in a Time of Change: Workshop Series with Artists U

Authors of the [Making Your Life as an Artist Book + Workbook](#)

- Andrew Simonet and Michaela Pilar Brown hosted **four online workshops** — by artists for artists—offering community, clarity, and real-world conversations about building balanced, sustainable artist lives.
- This is community organizing, creating positive and rigorous discussions. And it is specific and practical: the principles, tools, and prompts artists use to sustain themselves and their practice.
- Recordings of the sessions that took place in February and follow-up workshops in the spring are available here: <https://www.artistsu.org/crny2024>

### Essential Needs Workshops with Entertainment Community Fund

We offered informational workshops for artists in CRNY's programs from all disciplines. Three of the sessions were recorded and are available at the links below:

- **Applying for Affordable Housing Webinar**  
Presenters: Daniel Arnow and Randy Peralta  
Want to apply for affordable housing but don't know where to begin? The Entertainment Community Fund's Applying for Affordable Housing seminar helps participants get organized so they can be prepared to take advantage of

opportunities to apply. The application process is explained in simple steps and helps applicants avoid common mistakes. Information regarding assessing your income, eligibility criteria and documentation is discussed.

- **SPRING 2024 RECORDING**

- Check out the recording from the March event
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/2xIF-iEFpRdqVUP67lScKjEiZaWvkYbtinQ2aLKalK9dyVGnfHWuChR1ZoGhXl6v.KXKQ94Ci3XfIQ6oE>

- **Every Artist Insured! Understanding Your Healthcare Options Webinar**

Presenter: Renata Marinaro

This webinar helps explain the Affordable Care Act, gives clear, step-by-step guidance on what all your insurance options are, and how to get the most affordable coverage.

- **SPRING 2024 RECORDING**

- Check out the recording from the April event
- [https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/NJ\\_V99CaN39Qtn\\_2DCz5ZKc1biQZWQV6Kh6yEi256hKmMZbG4C99DAVx2Z3SJK4.fca2WsVTiD\\_dhI5K](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/NJ_V99CaN39Qtn_2DCz5ZKc1biQZWQV6Kh6yEi256hKmMZbG4C99DAVx2Z3SJK4.fca2WsVTiD_dhI5K)

- **Transitioning Off Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance**

Presenter: Renata Marinaro

This session helps explore your options for health insurance in New York State as you transition out of W2 employment and your employer-sponsored health insurance coverage ends.

- **SUMMER 2024 RECORDING**

- Check out the recording from the June event
- [https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/IONmoAqwT-zOP\\_UXg53qn pJOfVJc3oOFwbv\\_SGe6y2Lgma7\\_HWig\\_uVcLGy3SqCC.6CJytUF438u8zrWB](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/IONmoAqwT-zOP_UXg53qn pJOfVJc3oOFwbv_SGe6y2Lgma7_HWig_uVcLGy3SqCC.6CJytUF438u8zrWB)

Passcode: 9Qac@r26

## **Public Benefits Eligibility Screening with Benefit Kitchen**

Every year 103 million Americans leave \$80 billion in benefits unclaimed! Use the free Benefit Kitchen tool, to see which 18 federal, state, and local cash and other benefits you can claim. It's a great time to use the screener and make sure you're claiming what's yours, such as the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit). Last year, the average amount of EITC received nationwide was about \$2,541.

- **WEBSITE:**

- <https://app.benefitkitchen.com/signup?action=index&controller=questions>

## Public Benefits Support + Social Services with Henry Street Settlement

The Dale Jones Burch Neighborhood Center at Henry Street Settlement, CRNY's Benefits Counseling Partner, is the place to meet all of your social services needs under one roof, including Benefits Screening, Legal Services, Parent Support, and more.

- The Neighborhood Center is open weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm and is located at 269 Henry Street, New York, NY.
  - **WHEN:** Ongoing
  - **CALL:** 212-471-2400 and let them know you are a CRNY artist

## Tribeworks: A Worker Cooperative Platform for Creatives

Get connected to our Artist Employment Program partner and The Space operator, Tribeworks, a worker cooperative platform providing creative benefits for creative workers.

- **Watch a recording of the April webinar with Tribeworks here:**
  - <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/bOemjgMWExlgBoKtuhJ3l-VmiSTK1alSNAuzLf0eBfvoFea5JtUBf7pbfoyoaZL1.QGiKCEo1hzmX9lv3>
- **Tribeworks overview for Artists & Creative Workers:**
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17-t1uzjQMjru-XH9MMVJRkLoHy-66hFgwbx88ogCND4/edit?usp=sharing>
- **Tribeworks overview for Organizations:**
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dpOMNS2SRsx13mPCec\\_UjIXxXdMHBb2-qSIA43X2wMI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dpOMNS2SRsx13mPCec_UjIXxXdMHBb2-qSIA43X2wMI/edit?usp=sharing)

## Employment Law Overview

In December of 2023, we hosted a webinar with employment lawyer Samiya Mir. The session was primarily aimed at organizational leadership, but was also open to employees and future employers. The session focused on best practices when managing employees, as well as an overview of relevant employment laws.

- **The slides from the presentation are available here:**
  - <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/iaxuii06a4x1xd5px37je/CRNY-Employment-Law-Seminar-2023.pptx?rlkey=vee2i4yyia9sri1sr8etob6r4&st=pfhz6jge&dl=0>

## Additional Support & Resources

Here's a list to start, find and share more resources through [community connections](#) like [The Space](#) below!

- The CRNY Monthly Newsletter Archive
  - <https://us6.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=64993ab0527d95d938196ae98&id=46160d5d80>
- New York Foundation for the Arts Workshops and List of Resources
  - <https://www.nyfa.org/business-of-art>
  - <https://www.nyfa.org/events/>
- Assets for Artists Workshops
  - <https://www.assetsforartists.org/workshops>
- Springboard for the Arts - Business Skills for Artists
  - <https://springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/>
- Entertainment Community Fund - Social Services for Artists in the Performing + Entertainment fields
  - <https://entertainmentcommunity.org/services-and-programs>
- Met Council on Housing- Tenants Rights Hotline
  - <https://www.metcouncilonhousing.org/program/tenants-rights-hotline/>
  - 212-979-0611
- HITE -Free and low-cost health and social services
  - <https://hitesite.org/>
- CreativesStudy x Art.Coop Learn about the Solidarity Economy
  - <https://creativestudy.com/solidarity-economy>

## [Community Connections](#)

## CRNY Participant Directory

<https://bit.ly/crnydirectory>

Password: creativesrebuild

Click the link above to find a list of basic contact information for participants in all of CRNY's programs. The directory is a tool to help you find your people! Need help using the directory? Check out [this video](#). Want to get listed? Email us at [aep@creativesrebuildny.org](mailto:aep@creativesrebuildny.org). Please note that we will not be able to update the directory after December 2024.

## The Space

What is [The Space](#)? A digital community for CRNY participants on the platform Mighty Networks. This is a private social platform that you can log into on your computer or phone. You can post events, share resources, start a conversation thread, or even a special topic group. Want to learn more before joining? [Watch this overview video](#).

The Space is powered by you, us, and our partners at Tribeworks. Ready to join? **Email Alexi Tasanaprasert, Community Lead at Tribeworks at [community@tribeworks.io](mailto:community@tribeworks.io)**

## [Grants and Funding Support](#)

### An Introduction to the New York State Council on the Arts

In May 2024, we held an online session with [David Dean](#) to introduce participants (primarily organizations) to funding opportunities with the New York State Council on the Arts. The presentation featured an overview of how to qualify for participation in state granting entities, as well as how to navigate the full suite of opportunities and services offered by NYSCA.

- Access the **recording, transcript, and presentation slides** here: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ukjfe4mri3ke8r1shlf8i/ACooVW2ro7qUt3zXniLR1Dw?rlkey=f579h501u2w66xda1jltomrok&st=3eg8euv6&dl=0>
- More information on the **New York State Council on the Arts Statewide Community Regrant Partners** here: <https://arts.ny.gov/nysca-regrants-and-partnerships>

### Navigating Federal Funding

In June 2024, we held an online session with [Courtney Spearman](#) to provide an introduction to funding opportunities with the National Endowment for the Arts. The

presentation included an overview of the NEA, the agency's various funding programs, and how to apply.

- Access the **presentation slides** here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/653tzs2o7u16fuunjm97s/grants-workshop\\_CRNY\\_06-07-2024.pdf?rlkey=b9cjryfjhpej4arjdc2l4ce&st=kvvywa9j&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/653tzs2o7u16fuunjm97s/grants-workshop_CRNY_06-07-2024.pdf?rlkey=b9cjryfjhpej4arjdc2l4ce&st=kvvywa9j&dl=0)

## Individual Donors

In January 2023, we held an online session with [Elaine Delgado](#), who gave an overview on fundraising with individual donors. The session explored ways to make personal connections with donors, developing a culture of philanthropy in your organization to support individual giving, the steps of the Donor Development Cycle, and individual fundraising tips for artists.

- Access the **presentation slides** here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/9kfvqeubrs2pn0445aaay/ADryCmoqfENxkiHjKToF4Vc?rlkey=f2vcdFzOruyjrfuxmxOn432st&st=vt3piyi5&dl=0>

## Crowdfunding

In January 2023, we held an online session with members of the team from [ioby](#) who gave an introduction to crowdfunding. The session featured insider tips for crowdfunding success, busting of the most common crowdfunding myths, and offered proven crowdfunding do's and don'ts that ioby has learned from supporting thousands of campaigns across the country.

- Access the **presentation slides** here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/qqqihtlkeyc8m9mnk5g1x/CRNY-ioby-webinar-deck-shared-w-staff-and-partners.pdf?rlkey=wq2ggvfd6Owr5m397eo8ux2r2&st=fuv8lco9&dl=0>

## Raising Money from Foundations

In September 2022, we held an online session with CRNY's own Executive Director, Sarah Calderon, who gave an introduction to fundraising from foundations. The session featured tips and tricks for navigating the private arts philanthropy landscape.

- Access the **presentation slides** here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ictp4ijmo76y9lwotcbxo/CRNY-Fundraising-101-Presentation.pdf?rlkey=f5ov2q5t4cvy4gby5kvohlc7u&st=zj45aisp&dl=0>

Transitions can be intensely stressful times. We hope the following resources can be helpful in supporting your mental health:

- New York State Mental Health Program Directory:  
<https://my.omh.ny.gov/bi/pd/saw.dll?PortalPages>
- New York City Mental Health Resources:  
<https://humanrights.weill.cornell.edu/resources/mental-health-resources-nyc>
- NYS Office of Mental Health Information for Consumers and Families:  
<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bootstrap/consumers-families.html>
- County Resources for Mental Health Services:  
[http://www.clmhd.org/contact\\_local\\_mental\\_hygiene\\_departments/](http://www.clmhd.org/contact_local_mental_hygiene_departments/)
- New York State Mental Health Organizations:  
[https://health.ny.gov/community/special\\_needs/services/mental\\_health\\_org.htm](https://health.ny.gov/community/special_needs/services/mental_health_org.htm)
- **Hotlines:**
  - **Crisis Text Line:**  
New York State has partnered with Crisis Text Line, an anonymous texting service available 24/7. Starting a conversation is easy. **Text GOT5 to 741741.**
  - **OASAS HOPEline:**  
New York State's 24/7 problem gambling and chemical dependency hotline. For Help and Hope call **1-877-8-HOPENY** or **text HOPENY**
  - **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:**  
If your life or someone else's is in imminent danger, please call 911. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, please call: **988**
  - **Domestic Violence:**  
If you or someone else is in a relationship is being controlled by another individual through verbal, physical, or sexual abuse, or other tactics, please call: **1-800-942-6906**
  - **NYC WELL:**  
New York City's free, confidential support and crisis intervention for anyone seeking help for mental health and/or substance misuse concerns, available 24/7. **Text "WELL" to 65173** or call **1-888-NYC-WELL.**
  - **Community Mental Health Promotion and Support (COMHPS)**  
COMHPS teams provide support and access to mental health professionals where you live.



# What's Next for CRNY?

Creatives Rebuild New York will close operations at the end of 2024.

In our final six months we are focusing our energy in the following areas:

## Research, Documentation + Storytelling

*Learn more about all of CRNY's Research projects here:*

<https://www.creativesrebuildny.org/impact>

## Share your Story

We love hearing from you! Email us at [aep@creativesrebuildny.org](mailto:aep@creativesrebuildny.org) if you'd like to share updates with us.

There are several opportunities to participate through interviews as well as ways to share your testimony creatively over the next six months. Specifically, you should have received emails with:

- Links to forms to send us updated information for our website (the Digital Yearbook) and social media channels
- Opportunities to contribute your insights to our research efforts
- Links to forms to submit culminating event information with releases for us to connect you with our documentary film team and press partners

Please reach out to us at [aep@creativesrebuildny.org](mailto:aep@creativesrebuildny.org) if you have not received any of the emails above!

## Policy + Advocacy

### Advocacy Platform

Check out our newly released policy advocacy platform:

<https://www.creativesrebuildny.org/advocacy-platform/>

We will engage in advocacy, endorse individual policy legislation, and support coalitions already doing work at these intersections of these key areas 1) shift power to workers, 2) support worker well-being, and 3) enable economic mobility and artistic practice.

**Stay tuned and check your email for ways to participate!**