COVID-19 Information and Resources

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A selection of emergency funds and relief assistance for working artists (varying disciplines). Note: All funds are also accepting donations.

ACTIVE

- **Bay Area Arts Worker Relief Fund**
  A financial resource for workers in the visual, literary, media, film, and video arts negatively impacted by COVID-19. The Fund aims to prioritize Bay Area art workers in the BIPOC communities (Black, Indigenous, Person of Color); disability community/immuno-compromised; and, LGBTQIA+ communities.
- **California Relief Fund for Artists & Cultural Practitioners**
  $1000 in unrestricted, rapid relief funding to individual artists and cultural practitioners statewide. Submit applications by **August 18th, 3pm**, PDT.
- **Theater Bay Area Fund**
  Theatre Bay Area, in partnership with Dancers' Group and InterMusic SF, launched the *COVID-19: Performing Arts Worker Relief Fund* on March 20, 2020, as a resource for performing arts workers who are facing a loss of income due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. One-time $500, $1000, $1500 grants for performing arts workers, including actors, administrators, box office/event staff, carpenters, dancers, designers, directors, dramaturgs, musicians, playwrights, production staff, singers, teaching artists, technicians, etc. Rolling deadline. Donate here
- **Artist Relief**
  To support artists during the COVID-19 crisis, a coalition of national arts grantmakers have come together to create an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists across the United States. Artist Relief will distribute $5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19. Cycle V application closes **August 26, 11:59**, ET. Donate here.
- **So Love Can Win Rapid Response Fund**
  Rapid response grants of up to $10,000 for Oakland 501c3's and fiscally sponsored racial justice-centered entities/projects led by Black, Indigenous, people of color and that demonstrate a history of work with Black, Indigenous, people of color in Oakland. Organizers, cultural workers, healing justice advocates, and journalists eligible to apply. Applications available online, or apply by scheduling a phone call with program staff.
- **Foundation for Contemporary Arts COVID-19 Relief Fund**
  NATIONAL One-time $1,000 grants to artists who have had performances or exhibitions canceled or postponed because of the COVID-19 virus. **Ends December 1, 2020.**
- **Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund**
  $200 grants for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) artists and administrators (consultants, facilitators, box office staff, seasonal/temporary employees, etc.) who have been financially impacted due to COVID-19. Donate Here

- **Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund**
  $100 - $500 grants for queer writers of color.
- **CERF+ Emergency Assistance Inquiry**
  For artists who experienced a recent, career-threatening emergency, such as an illness, accident, fire, or natural disaster.
- **COVID-19 Financial Solidarity**
  Opportunity to request and offer direct financial assistance and other support, to folks in need around the country.
- **COVID19 Musicians Emergency Fund**
  Contact the Jazz Foundation directly with a request for aid. Donate here.
- **The Actors Fund: Emergency Financial Assistance**
  NATIONAL, For members of the performing arts and entertainment industries--not just actors! Emergency financial assistance is available for two months.
- **San Francisco Fund Rapid Response for Movement Building** (For Nonprofit Orgs)
  Small, one-time grants in the range of $3,000–$15,000 for a grant period of up to six months.

CLOSED/WAITING FOR NEXT ROUND

- **Artists Now**
  Zoo Labs, YBCA, Black Joy Parade, and Always Win Together partner to offer immediate $500 grants for artists who live in the Bay Area, who have been financially impacted by COVID-19, and who are POC, Women, or identify as LGBTQIA+. Donate here. ***Application closed, sign up to hear about the next round.***
- **East Bay/Oakland Relief Fund for Individual Artists**
  $2,000 individual grants for artists, teaching artists, culture bearers, and nonprofit arts workers. **Application closed.**
- **Safety Net Fund**
  For Bay Area artists with <$1000 monthly income. **Application closed.** Donate Here
- **Anonymous Was A Woman Emergency Relief Grant**
  $2500 grants for women-identifying visual artists over 40. **Application closed**.
- **San Francisco Arts & Artists Relief Fund**
  $2000 grants for individual artists, up to $25,000 for local organizations. Rolling deadline. **Application closed.**
- **SF Queer Nightlife Fund**
  The application cycle closed. Still accepting donations for future rounds. **Application closed.** Donate here
- **CA$H Emergency Grant for Small Theatres Bay Area**
  A grant program for small organizations with budgets under $250,000 to address either AB5 compliance or the economic impact of COVID-19. **Application closed.**
- **WESTAF CARES Relief Fund**
  Aims to provide much-needed relief to organizations during this unprecedented time and to advance equity by offering general operating support. **Application closed.**

FOOD ASSISTANCE (Bay Area Only)

- Alameda Community County Food Bank
- Berkeley Food Network
- Oakland Unified School District - Free Meals During COVID-19
- SF-Marin Food Bank

UNEMPLOYMENT FILING ASSISTANCE (California Only)

- KQED **-** How to file for unemployment in California?
- Dance Magazine - A Freelancer's Guide to to Unemployment Benefits
- Employment Development Department of California - Apply for unemployment benefits

NONPROFIT/SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

- US Small Business Administration - Paycheck Protection Program (forgivable loan)
- **LGBTQ COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund**
  Immediate funding for LGBTQ nonprofit organizations based in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma. Donate Here.
- Akonadi Foundation - **So Love Can Win Rapid Response Fund**

TENANT RESOURCES (Bay Area Only)

- Bay Area Rent Strike Resources
- Oakland Eviction Moratorium Guide
- KQED - Guide to Bay Area Eviction Moratoriums During the Crisis

A collection of relevant resource lists compiled by organizations and individuals - lists include resources for artists, such as relief assistance and self-care tools, as well as resources for activists and vulnerable communities

- Art is Alive - Resources & Information
- Asian Americans for Civil Rights & Equality - COVID Resource List
- Black Girl Magik - COVID19 Global Resource Guide
- California Youth Justice Alliance - COVID resources for Undocumented Californians
- Causa Justa - How you can support during COVID-19?
- Creative Capital - List of Arts Resources During the COVID-19 Outbreak
- California Coronavirus - (COVID-19) Response
- California Arts Council - COVID-19 News & Resources
- Centro Legal de La Raza - Oakland Undocumented Relief Fund
- COVID-19 Freelance Artists Resources
- COVID Resources for Indigenous Peoples
- COVID-19 Resources for Undocumented Californians
- Common Field - COVID-19 Resources for the Artist Organization Field
- Dancers' Group - COVID-19 Information & Resources
- Dance USA - Resources Related to Coronavirus
- Eastside Cultural Center - Community Resources During the COVID-19 Crisis

- Horizons - COVID-19 Hub (for LGBTQ nonprofits)
- Intersection for the Arts - Tools for Bay Area artists grappling with the repercussions of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- KQED - Emergency Funds for Freelancers & Creatives Losing Income During Coronavirus
- Legal Aid At Work - Coronavirus Update, Legal Information for WORKERS (CA only)
- Oakland Rising - Local Resources Amidst COVID-19 Public Health Crisis
- Philanthropy California - COVID-19 Response
- SF Bay Area LGBTQ COVID Relief
- SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) Bay Area - How to Stay Healthy and Show Up for Racial Justice in the Face of COVID-19
- Teaching Artists Guild COVID-19 Resources