



## Disaster Preparation and Response Resource Database

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Disasters may be overwhelming, but you are not alone. We at Nest, along with the federal agencies, nonprofits, foundations, and other disaster resilience and recovery resource providers mentioned throughout this guide, are dedicated to helping you navigate the complexities of disaster recovery and build a more resilient future. Use this database to access additional tools, funding sources, and more organizations that are committed to helping you in your disaster resilience journey and climate preparedness efforts.

The information presented in this database is based on publicly accessible sources and has been reviewed by disaster preparedness experts. The strategies and recommendations offered align with existing guidelines, technical standards, and resources available up to September 2023. However, please be aware that climate impacts, the landscape of disaster preparedness, and available resources may evolve over time. To ensure the accuracy and timeliness of the information provided, we advise you to regularly refer to sources from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or Ready.Gov and consult with appropriate experts and insurance providers in your area.

As of March 22, 2024, FEMA has implemented significant changes to its disaster assistance programs to better support disaster survivors. These changes include:

**Simplified Application Processes:** A more user-friendly and efficient application process has been introduced, making it easier for individuals to apply for and receive disaster assistance. The improved online portal at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) facilitates quicker and more straightforward submission and processing of applications.

**Increased Funding Flexibility:** FEMA has increased the maximum grant amount to \$40,000 per eligible household, with an average grant payment around \$6,500. The funding is now more flexible, covering a wider range of needs, including temporary housing, home repairs, travel costs, accommodations for extended stays, pet boarding, and transportation for individuals with disabilities.

**Expanded Eligibility Criteria:** The eligibility criteria have been broadened to include a larger number of households, ensuring that more individuals and families can qualify for assistance. For more detailed information and to apply for disaster assistance, please visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).

For more information on Nest and the Environmental Defense Fund's Maker Resilience and Preparedness guidebooks, please visit [www.buildanest.org/climate-guides](https://www.buildanest.org/climate-guides).

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Organization	Program	Description	Resource Type	Price	Access
dPlan	dPlan ArtsReady	comprehensive online tool for emergency preparedness and response, designed with arts and cultural organizations in mind, regardless of their size, scope, or discipline	tool	paid, with free option	<a href="https://www.dplan.org/about">https://www.dplan.org/about</a>
SBP USA	Navigating Disaster Assistance eLearning	module to help you understand the process, what resources are available, prepare strong applications, and advocate for all the assistance you need	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://sbpusa.org/public/uploads/elearning/navigating-disaster-assistance-raw-1THp0FPy/content/index.html#/">https://sbpusa.org/public/uploads/elearning/navigating-disaster-assistance-raw-1THp0FPy/content/index.html#/</a>
National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness and Emergency Response	Arts Field Guide to Federal Disaster Relief	snapshot of federal disaster assistance programs that can go into effect after a presidentially declared disaster and focuses on longstanding programs that are likely to continue (FEMA, SBA, and other federal resources)	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://www.ncaper.org/services-4">https://www.ncaper.org/services-4</a>
Houston Arts Alliance	Disaster Resilience for Artists and Nonprofits	Portal for strategies and resources for overcoming damage in the wake of a disaster - natural or otherwise	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://ready.haatx.com/">https://ready.haatx.com/</a>
CERF+	Studio Safety Guide	Guide to help artists and craftworkers reduce risk to yourself, your artwork + your career	report	free	<a href="https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/studio-safety/">https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/studio-safety/</a>
CERF+	Studio Safety Course	toolkit for artists looking to protect the health and safety of themselves, their studios, and their art businesses.	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/">https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/</a>
CERF+	Artists Insurance Guide	pocket guide for artists determine which type of insurance is suitable and affordable for their situation	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/artist-insurance/">https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/artist-insurance/</a>
CERF+	Artist Emotional Help Resources	resources to emotionally equipping artists in times of disaster	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/resources/artist-emotional-help-resources/">https://cerfplus.org/studio-protector/resources/artist-emotional-help-resources/</a>
IRS	Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Businesses	resources to assist business owners in planning for disaster; tools for business continuity planning, insurance coverage, recordkeeping and other tips to stay in business after a major disaster.	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/disaster-assistance-and-emergency-relief-for-individuals-and-businesses">https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/disaster-assistance-and-emergency-relief-for-individuals-and-businesses</a>
FEMA	Disaster Assistance Portal	Access federal disaster assistance resources with a new simplified application process, expanded eligibility, and increased funding flexibility.	online course/guide	free	<a href="https://DisasterAssistance.gov">DisasterAssistance.gov</a>

Organization	Program	Description	Amount	Community Targetted	Eligibility	Requirements	Application Access	Contact
Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Foundation	<a href="#">The Adolph &amp; Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant</a>	One-time assistance for a specific emergency, examples of which are fire, flood, or emergency medical need.	typically: \$5,000 max: \$15,000	by craft/medium	painters, printmakers, and sculptors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at least 10 years of involvement in his or her work</li> <li>work in disciplines of painting, sculpture or printmaking</li> </ul>	<a href="https://gottliebfoundation-submittable.com/submit/74264011-2f09-4a49-a81b-e02957eff286/pemergency-">https://gottliebfoundation-submittable.com/submit/74264011-2f09-4a49-a81b-e02957eff286/pemergency-</a>	212-226-0581 Petra Pankow ppankow@gottliebfoundation.org
Artists Fellowship	<a href="#">Financial Aid</a>	Emergency aid to professional visual fine artists and their families in times of sickness, natural disaster, bereavement or unexpected extreme hardship.		by craft/medium	professional visual artists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make livelihood through sales as reported on a Schedule C with a U.S. Federal tax return</li> <li>those who create art for sale through galleries, private commission or reproduction in mass media (sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, art photography, fine art ceramics, mixed media, installations, and video art</li> <li>current hardship and need, documented through paid or unpaid invoices, bills or contracts</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.artistsfellowship.org/financial-aid-application">https://www.artistsfellowship.org/financial-aid-application</a>	info@artistsfellowship.org
CERF+	<a href="#">Craft Emergency Relief Fund</a>	Emergency assistance for those who have incurred significant medical expenses related to treatment and recovery from Covid-19 and/or experienced a recent, career threatening emergency, such as an illness, accident, fire or natural disaster	\$3,000.00	by craft/medium	artists who create work using craft materials such as clay, glass, textiles, wood, metal; as well as non-traditional materials, new technologies and experimental approaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>working in craft or materials-based folk/traditional disciplines</li> <li>18 years or older</li> <li>resided and worked in the U.S. or U.S. territories for the past 2 years</li> <li>artists must have experienced a recent, unforeseen, career threatening emergency</li> </ul>	<a href="https://apply.cerplus.org/">https://apply.cerplus.org/</a>	(802) 229-2306 info@craftemergency.org
Foundation for Contemporary Arts	<a href="#">Emergency Grants</a>	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 or incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects close to completion with committed exhibition or performance dates	\$500-\$3000	by craft/medium	must have committed performance or exhibition opportunities, and be able to provide specific dates at the time of application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>living in the United States or U.S. territories and have a U.S. Tax ID Number (SSN, EIN, ITIN, or other)</li> <li>individual artists, or an individual representing an artist collective, ensemble, or group. Curators, producers, workshop organizers, organizations, or arts presenters are not eligible to apply.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://foundationforcontemporaryarts.submittable.com/submit">https://foundationforcontemporaryarts.submittable.com/submit</a>	emergencyfunds@nyfa.org
The Haven Foundation	Financial Assistance	The Haven Foundation aims to support freelancers who lost their homes and work spaces as a result of natural disasters or other catastrophic events.		by craft/medium	freelancers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>freelance qualified person</li> <li>professional committed to his/her industry or work, who has derived at least forty percent (40%) of his/her annual income over the past three (3) years from his/her personal production, performance or other work in the industry.</li> <li>Experiencing a specific career-threatening emergency.</li> <li>Legal US resident</li> </ul>	fill in information, then must be printed and mailed to the Foundation.	The Haven Foundation P. O. Box 128 Brewer, ME 04412
Pinellas Community Foundation	Pinellas Arts Community Relief Fund	rapid response awards to meet the urgent needs, and provide immediate financial relief to Pinellas County artists, arts organizations and creative businesses who have been impacted by an emergency situation/disaster we are facing	\$500 for artists, \$500 - \$1500 for arts organizations and small creative businesses	by geography	artists in Pinellas County, Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional artists, arts organizations or small creative businesses as described above</li> <li>18 years of age or older</li> <li>Facing an immediate and urgent financial need directly caused by the emergency situation/disaster</li> </ul>		info@pinellascf.org
Art Noir	The Jar of Love Fund	The Jar of Love Fund is intended to provide relief for artists, curators, and cultural producers of color.		by identity/demographics	artists, curators, and cultural producers of color	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 years of age or older</li> <li>W9 and SSN or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.artnoir.co/jar-of-love/index#jar-of-love-hero">https://www.artnoir.co/jar-of-love/index#jar-of-love-hero</a>	
Hero Initiative	Hero Initiative Fund	The Hero Initiative creates a financial safety net for comic creators who may need emergency medical aid, financial support for essentials of life, and an avenue		by craft/medium	working comic book writer, penciler, inker, colorist, or letterer on a work-for-hire basis for no less than 10 years since January 1, 1934.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrated need via verbal and written documentation.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.heroinitiative.org/eligibility-help/">https://www.heroinitiative.org/eligibility-help/</a>	
New York Foundation for the Arts	Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants	One-time grants for recent unexpected medical, dental, and mental health emergencies to artists in financial need	up to \$5,000	by craft/medium	those engaged in visual arts, film/video/electronic/digital arts, and choreography AND adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or lower for an individual, or \$150,000 for joint filers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be 21 years or older on the cycle's deadline</li> <li>Reside in the United States, the District of Columbia, a Tribal Nation, or a U.S. Territory</li> <li>Have an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or lower for an individual, or \$150,000 for joint filers, averaged over the last two federal tax returns</li> <li>Your medical emergency and treatment must occur in the U.S. (including D.C., Tribal Nations and U.S. Territories)</li> <li>Demonstrate current and ongoing activity in your artistic discipline</li> <li>Not be enrolled in any degree-seeking program</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.nyfa.org/awards-grants/rauschenberg-emergency-grants/rauschenberg-medical-emergency-grants/">https://www.nyfa.org/awards-grants/rauschenberg-emergency-grants/rauschenberg-medical-emergency-grants/</a>	
FEMA	Individual Assistance Grant	Provides financial assistance to eligible households after a disaster, now with increased maximum grant amounts, expanded eligibility, and a simplified application process.		by geography	Depends on the grant program of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depends on the grant assistance requested, but in general: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified non-citizen.</li> <li>FEMA must be able to verify the applicant's identity.</li> <li>The applicant's insurance, or other forms of disaster assistance received, cannot meet their disaster-caused needs.</li> <li>The applicant's necessary expenses and serious needs are directly caused by a declared disaster.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual">https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual</a>	The FEMA Helpline (800-621-3362)

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Small Business Administration	Disaster Loans	Low-interest disaster loans to homeowners and small businesses impacted by declared natural and other disasters. Eligible SBA disaster loan borrowers may choose to receive expanded funding to help mitigate their home or business against future disasters.	SBA disaster loans can be increased up to 20% to make building upgrades.	post disaster declaration		Disaster-affected area, receiving disaster loans for recovery that can be expanded	Call or visit a Disaster Recovery Center near you to ask about increasing your SBA disaster loan for mitigation purposes	800-659-2955 (TTY 7-1-1)
CERF+	Get Ready Grants	Grants to support individual artists for efforts to help safeguard their art and art-related business, protect their careers, and prepare for emergencies.	\$500	by geography	Artists residing and working in Louisiana for the last two years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be an artist working in a visual, performance, or craft discipline</li> <li>• Have been residing and working in Louisiana for the last two years</li> <li>• Not have received a Get Ready Grant in calendar year 2021 or 2022</li> </ul>	<a href="https://artsbr.submittable.com/submit/258700/23-24-get-ready-grant-application">https://artsbr.submittable.com/submit/258700/23-24-get-ready-grant-application</a>	225-344-8558
US Chamber of Commerce	Small Business Readiness for Resiliency Program	Guidance for disaster preparation measures and quick-turn relief funding for those prepared businesses after a federal disaster declaration is made in their region.	\$5,000.00	post disaster declaration	Register and prepare for disaster prior to disaster, access funds after disaster is declared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;500 employees</li> <li>• Complete the Emergency Preparedness Checklist for Small Businesses</li> <li>• employee identification number (EIN)</li> <li>• principal physical location in a county that receives a major disaster declaration and qualifies for Individual Assistance</li> <li>• face financial harm by a disaster and incur an uncovered loss</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/small-business-readiness-resiliency-program">https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/small-business-readiness-resiliency-program</a>	resilience@uschamber.com
Wildfire Prepared	List of CA-specific wildfire resilience Resources & Incentives	Wildfires affect communities across the U.S., but some states have an elevated risk. Wildfire Prepared Home provides a set of mitigation strategies to help reduce wildfire risk. This program is currently only available in California, but additional states will become eligible in the future. Find out if there are resources available in your area.		by geography	Regionally distributed resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California Residents, with grant opportunities for residents of specific counties or regions.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://wildfireprepared.org/incentives/">https://wildfireprepared.org/incentives/</a>	

Tax Incentive	Jurisdiction	Description	Incentive	Legislation	Tax Form	Resources
<a href="#">Omnibus Coastal Property Insurance Reform</a>	South Carolina	Provides an income tax credit for the costs incurred to retrofit a structure qualifying as the taxpayer's legal residence to make it more resistant to loss due to hurricanes, rising floodwater, or other catastrophic windstorm events.	The tax credit for any taxable year is limited to 25% of the total costs incurred or \$1,000, whichever is less. Income tax credit of up to \$1,500 for state sales or use taxes paid on purchases of tangible personal property used to fortify one's legal residence.	Omnibus Coastal Property Insurance Reform Act: Section 12-6-3660, Section 12-6-3665		
<a href="#">Tax relief for federally declared disaster areas</a>	Federally declared disaster regions	IRS provides tax relief for those affected by a federally declared disaster, in the form of deductions for casualty losses and a tax-filing extension and an expedited refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tax-filing extension and an expedited refund (usually extension will be automatic, no need to request)</li> <li>• claim disaster losses if your property was damaged as a result of a federally declared disaster,</li> </ul>	Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2021	1040, 1040-X	<a href="#">Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS)</a>
Employee Retention Credit	Federal, qualified disaster impact	Credit for employers who continued to pay or incur wages after their business became inoperable because of damage from a qualifying major disaster	A 40% tax credit of up to \$6,000 of qualified wages paid to or incurred for each eligible employee.		5884-A	
Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit (25C tax credit)	Federal	Tax credits for qualified energy-efficient improvements to your home	<p>Credit on costs made for improvements to your main home. Homeowners can claim up to \$2,000 for heat pumps, water heaters, or biomass stoves. Homeowners can also claim up to \$1,200 for other weatherization installs and energy-efficient improvements including up to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$150 for a home energy audit</li> <li>• \$250 for a new exterior door (\$500 total for all exterior doors)</li> <li>• \$600 for new exterior windows and skylights</li> <li>• \$1,200 for insulation</li> <li>• \$600 for an upgraded electrical panel.</li> </ul>	Inflation Reduction Act	5695	
Residential Clean Energy Tax Credit (25D tax credit)	Federal	Tax credit on the purchase and installation costs for clean energy investments.	<p>30% tax credit on the purchase and installation costs for solar panels, solar water heaters, fuel cell property expenditures, small wind turbines, geothermal heat pumps, battery storage systems.</p> <p>Additional 10% or 20% bonus credits via community solar/leased rooftop solar developers for homeowners in low-income or energy communities.</p>	Inflation Reduction Act	5695	