



COVID-19 RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR CUNY ARTS AND CULTURE FACULTY – UPDATED 9.10.20

The global coronavirus pandemic is harming the livelihood of millions, but few sectors are as vulnerable as arts and culture. Many of you rely on cultural work opportunities beyond your CUNY appointments and commitments, but due to required social distancing protocols, those in-person events—on stages, in studios and galleries, or at schools and community settings—continue to be cancelled for the foreseeable future. The financial security of many culture sector workers has been devastated, with a particularly acute impact in the New York metropolitan region.

Emergency relief funding is still being made available for arts and culture workers, and the Research Foundation hopes that CUNY's exemplary culture faculty will continue to take advantage of these resources until the present crisis abates. **Please note**, many arts sector opportunities lists are being constantly updated, and so we encourage you to check them on a weekly basis. Also, **please review** opportunities carefully for any eligibility requirements.

Emergency Grants for Individuals

General

- 1.) Arts and Culture Leaders of Color [Emergency Relief Fund](#)
- 2.) [Artist Relief](#) (emergency grants from a funder collective)
- 3.) [Artist Relief Project](#) (all artists, first-come first-serve basis)
- 4.) [Artist Rescue Trust](#) (for artists and musicians not working on a salary basis)
- 5.) CERF+ [Emergency Grants](#) (for medical emergencies related to COVID-19)
- 6.) Foundation for Contemporary Arts [COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) (for loss of income related to COVID-19)
- 7.) Freelancers Union [Relief Fund](#)
- 8.) Intercultural Leadership Institute [COVID-19 Relief Grants](#) (see individual partner webpages)
- 9.) NYC Roundtable Arts in Education [Emergency Relief Fund](#) (for arts educators with income loss)
- 10.) Red Bull Arts [Microgrant Program](#)

Music

- 1.) Jazz Foundation of America [COVID-19 Musicians' Emergency Fund](#) (for jazz musicians)
- 2.) [MusiCares](#) (for musicians and music industry professionals)
- 3.) [Musicians Foundation](#) (for musicians and music industry professionals)
- 4.) Sweet Relief [Musicians Fund](#)

Theater, Television, and Film

- 1.) [The Actors Fund](#) (actors and film/television professionals)
- 2.) [Dramatists Guild Foundation](#) (for playwrights, librettists, lyricists, composers)
- 3.) Screen Actors Guild Foundation [Relief Funds](#) (for SAG-AFTRA members only)

Writing, Poetry, and Journalism

- 1.) American Society of Journalists and Authors [Assistance Fund](#) (for COVID-19 medical care only)
- 2.) [Authors League Fund](#) (for writers)
- 3.) PEN America [Writers' Emergency Fund](#)

Visual Art

- 1.) The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation [Emergency Grant](#) (for painters, printmakers, or sculptors; not for COVID-19 loss of gig income)
- 2.) Artists Fellowship [Relief Grants](#) (for visual artists)
- 3.) NYFA / Robert Rauschenberg [Medical Emergency Grants](#) (for visual and media artists, and choreographers).

Museums

- 1.) [Museum Workers Relief Fund](#)

Dance

- 1.) Barkin / Selissen Project "[Dancers Above Water Relief Fund](#)" (for dancers or choreographers)

Grant and Resource Listings (All Updated Daily)

- 1.) [COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources](#)
- 2.) Creative Capital [COVID-19 Arts Resources Listing](#)
- 3.) New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) [Emergency Grants Listing](#)
- 4.) New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) [COVID-19 Resources Listing](#)

We urge you to continually investigate and apply to more of these opportunities, using tools available to you like [GrantForward](#) and [Pivot](#) (login with your CUNY email). CUNY's cultural community is powerful, and working together, will emerge from this crisis stronger than before.

Please stay safe, and if you have any questions about seeking or applying to these funding opportunities, do not hesitate to reach out to your campus grants office or the Award Pre-Proposal Support (apps@rfcuny.org) staff at RFCUNY.