COVID-19 RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR CUNY ARTS AND CULTURE FACULTY

The global coronavirus pandemic is harming the livelihood of millions, but few sectors are as vulnerable now 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—are now cancelled for the foreseeable future. As you know, this has devastated the financial security of many culture sector workers, with a particularly acute impact in the New York metropolitan region.

Some emergency relief funding, and resiliency guidelines, are now being made available for arts and culture workers, and the Research Foundation hopes that CUNY’s exemplary culture faculty will 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

1.) The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation Emergency Grant (for painters, printmakers, or sculptors)

2.) Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Relief Fund

3.) CERF+ Emergency Grants

4.) Dance/NYC Coronavirus Dance Relief Fund

5.) Foundation for Contemporary Arts COVID-19 Relief Fund (for loss of income related to COVID-19)

6.) Indie Theater Fund Rapid Relief Grants

7.) New Music USA New Music Solidarity Fund

8.) New York Community Trust COVID-19 Response and Impact Fund (for incorporated nonprofits, not individuals)

9.) New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) Rauschenberg Emergency Grants (for visual and media artists and choreographers; for medical emergencies related to COVID-19)

Grant and Resource Listings

1.) COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources (Updated Daily)

2.) Creative Capital COVID-19 Arts Resources Listing
3.) New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) Emergency Grants Listing (Updated Daily)

4.) New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) COVID-19 Resources Listing

These initial grants and opportunity listings currently cover the available opportunities. No doubt in the coming weeks and months, many more will emerge to support the resiliency of individual artists, artist nonprofits, and the broader cultural sector in New York City. We urge you to continually investigate and apply to these opportunities. 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.