

Emergency Funds and Fundraising Platforms

Artist Funds:

Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation wishes to encourage artists who have dedicated their lives to developing their art, regardless of their level of commercial success. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate that they have been working in a mature phase of their art for at least 20 years.

gottliebfoundation.org

The Author's League

Since 1917, the Authors League Fund has been helping professional writers and dramatists who find themselves in financial need because of medical or health-related problems, temporary loss of income or other misfortune. The Fund gives open-ended, interest-free, no-strings-attached loans. These loans are not grants or scholarships meant to subsidize personal writing projects.

212.268.1208

staff@authorsleaguefund.org

Artist's Fellowship, Inc.

The Artists' Fellowship, Inc. is a private, charitable foundation that assists professional fine artists (painters, graphic artists, sculptors) and their families in times of emergency, disability, or bereavement.

artistsfellowship.org

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation

The purpose of the Book Industry Charitable Foundation financial assistance program is to assist with specific unforeseen emergency financial needs of booksellers and their immediate family members living in the same household. The Foundation assesses each request to determine a course of action to provide short-term assistance and help relieve the financial need.

<http://www.bincfoundation.org/request-assistance/>

Change, Inc.

Provides one-time emergency grants up to \$1000 to artists of any discipline. Applicants must be professional artists who can demonstrate need.

PO Box 54

Captiva, FL 33924

212.473.3742

Craft Emergency Relief Fund

CERF emergency relief assistance includes small grants, no-interest loans, access to resources, waivers and discounts on booth fees, and donations of craft supplies and equipment for professional craft artists. They also have an excellent referral list of emergency resources that are available despite artistic discipline. Check out their website at craftemergency.org

Episcopal Actor's Guild of America, Inc.

The primary determining criterion for eligibility is that the applicant be a professional performing artist who is pursuing an established and ongoing career in the performing arts. Theatre performers who perform live onstage before a live audience are the primary focus of the program.

212.685.2927

www.actorsguild.org

Grande Ole Opry Trust Fund, Inc.

Any individual who has been employed full time in some facet of the country music industry (i.e. performer, songwriter, publisher, radio, session musician, etc.) may be eligible to benefit from the Opry Trust Fund.

615.871.6779

www.opry.com

The Haven Foundation

The Haven Foundation gives financial assistance to provide temporary support needed to safeguard and sustain the careers of established freelance artists, writers and other members of the arts and art production communities who have suffered disabilities or experienced a career-threatening illness, accident, natural disaster or personal catastrophe. Grants are awarded and renewed at the discretion of the Haven Foundation Board.

www.thehavenfdn.org

International Association of Blacks in Dance

The IABD has an emergency fund for IABD artists and companies.

303.295.1759

Jazz Foundation of America

The Jazz Musicians Emergency Fund helps to ensure that the electricity stays on and food remains on the tables of veteran musicians with nowhere else to turn.

212.245.3999

jazzfoundation.org

The Motion Picture and Television Fund

Offers emergency financial assistance for eligible industry members.

800.876.8320

mptvfund.org

MusiCares Foundation

The heart and soul of MusiCares is the Emergency Financial Assistance Program that provides critical funds for music people struggling with financial, medical or personal crises.

grammy.com/musicares/

Musicians Foundation

The Musicians Foundation helps professional musicians by providing emergency financial assistance in meeting current living, medical and allied expenses.

212.239.9137

musiciansfoundation.org

PEN American Center

The Center also administers two emergency funds; the Writers Fund and the PEN Fund for Writers and Editors with HIV/AIDS.

212.334.1660

pen.org

Poets in Need

Provides emergency assistance to poets who have an established presence in the literary community as innovators in the field and a substantive body of published work.

walterblue@earthlink.net

www.poetsinneed.org

Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc.

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation's dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and demonstrable financial need, whether professional, personal or both.

212.517.5400

pkf.org

RESCU Foundation

The RESCU Foundation is a non-profit organization established to promote and maintain the health and medical well-being of the participants of Renaissance Faires, historical performances and other artistic events through financial assistance for medical bills, education, advocacy, and preventative programs.

1.800.374.9215

rescufoundation.org

Screen Actor's Guild Foundation

The Emergency Assistance program, the Self-Pay Premium program, and the Catastrophic Health Fund assist eligible members facing challenging circumstances. 323.549.6708

sagfoundation.org

Society of Singers, Inc.

Any individual who has derived his or her primary income as a professional singer for five years or more may qualify for services. SOS helps singers who have financial needs resulting from personal, family, or medical crises.

323.653.7672

singers.org

Springboard for the Arts

The Emergency Relief Fund exists to meet the emergency needs of artists living in MN, IA, ND, SD and WI. The Fund supplies immediate monies up to \$500 to cover an unpaid, unexpected bill directly resulting from a catastrophic, career-threatening event such as theft, fire, flood and health emergency. Artists must provide a copy of the outstanding bill and the Relief Fund payment will be made directly to the business that the artist owes money, not to the artist applicant. The Emergency Relief Fund does not cover unemployment and equipment/automobile repair that is not

a result of theft or natural disaster. The Fund does not cover anticipated bills such as rent/fees to landlords, home mortgage and dues to credit cards, banks and other financial institutions.

springboardforthearts.org
erf@springboardforthearts.org

Sweet Relief Musicians Foundation

Sweet Relief provides financial assistance to all types of career musicians who are facing illness, disability, or age-related problems.

888.955.7880
sweetrelief.org

Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation

The Motion Picture Pioneers Assistance Fund serves members of the motion picture entertainment industry (exhibition, distribution and trade services) who are encountering an illness, injury or life-changing event.

888.944.3863
wrpioneers.org

Writers Emergency Assistance Fund

The Writers Emergency Assistance Fund (formerly the Llewellyn Miller Fund) is administered through the ASJA Charitable Trust, which has 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Its mission is to help established freelance writers across the country who, because of advanced age, illness, disability, a natural disaster, or an extraordinary professional crisis are unable to work. A writer need not be a member of ASJA to qualify for a grant.

212.997.0947
asja.org/weaf/

General Funds and Assistance:

Every Penny Counts

Provides emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical to low income people living with AIDS and HIV.

612.331.7733

GoFundMe.com

Set up a personal donation website. There are no time limits or requirements to accepting donations, but a 5% fee is deducted from each donation received.

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. Contact your local Department of Housing and Development for more info.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/housing_choice_voucher_program_section_8

Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, also known as LIHEAP, helps low-income families pay their heating bills. LIHEAP is a grant that offers assistance in the form of a cash grant, sent directly to the utility company, or a crisis grant for households in immediate danger of being without heat.

<http://liheap.ncat.org/www.htm>

406-494-8662

Modest Needs Foundation

Modest Needs offers three main types of grants: Self-Sufficiency Grants, Back-to-Work Grants, and Independent Living Grants. You apply online to be listed on their website. Anonymous donors login to donate towards your cause.

Modestneeds.org

Mayer Foundation

The Foundation make economic relief grants to needy individuals who are distressed or suffering as a result of poverty, low income or lack of financial resources, including as a result of natural or civil disasters, or from temporary impoverishment, loss of employment, death or incapacity of a family wage earner or damage to home and property; to provide health care to those who cannot afford health care or whose health insurance or financial resources are insufficient to cover medical needs.

mayerfoundation@hotmail.com

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

A Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (*not* Social Security taxes). It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income; it provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

<http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/>

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. States receive block grants to design and operate programs that accomplish one of the purposes of the TANF program.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/programs/tanf/about>

202-401-9275

Assistance for Minnesotans:**Community Action of the Twin Cities**

Provides energy assistance and self-sufficiency programs.

Minneapolis: campls.org

St. Paul: caprw.org

Saint Paul Foundation

Community Sharing Fund grant applications may be submitted **on behalf of residents** of Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties by nonprofit organizations that are assisting them. Applications are evaluated further based on some of the following factors: whether a grant will avert a life crisis, whether there is reason to believe that the family or individual has a good chance of recovery from the crisis and can remain self-sufficient and whether other resources are available to meet the need.

saintpaulfoundation.org

Twin Cities American Red Cross

The American Red Cross supports people affected by fires, floods, tornadoes and other natural or man-made disasters.

612.871.7676