



Emergency Funding Resources for Artists

This is a listing of both Minnesota-based and national funders and service organizations providing assistance for artists facing medical, financial and disaster-related emergencies, or other unanticipated expenses. This list is by no means complete, and a listing does not constitute a direct endorsement from Springboard.

For more information, please contact resources@springboardforthearts.org.

Springboard for the Arts

The Emergency Relief Fund exists to meet the emergency needs of artists living in MN. 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.

<http://www.springboardforthearts.org>
erf@springboardforthearts.org

LITERARY ARTS:

PEN American

588 Broadway, Suite 303
New York, NY 10012
Phone: 212-334-1660
Fax: 212-334-2181
Email: arielle@pen.org
Website: <https://pen.org/writers-emergency-fund>

Award: Max: \$2,000

PEN American administers two emergency funds: the PEN Writers' Emergency Fund and the PEN Fund for Writers and Editors with HIV/AIDS.



Writers Emergency Assistance Fund

Phone: 212-997-0947

Website: <http://www.asja.org/for-writers/weaf/>

ASJA

355 Lexington Avenue, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10017

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 does not need to be a member of ASJA to qualify for a grant but must have “past professional freelance nonfiction writing over a sustained period of years.”



PERFORMING ARTS:

ACTORS/FILM INDUSTRY/THEATER:

The Motion Picture and Television Fund

The Wasserman Campus
23388 Mulholland Drive
Woodland Hills, CA 91364
Phone: 323-634-3888 (Toll free: 855-760-6783)
Email: info@MPFT.com
Website: <https://www.mptf.com/help>

The Motion Picture and Television Fund offers emergency financial assistance for eligible industry members.



Screen Actor's Guild Foundation

New York Offices and Actors Center
1900 Broadway, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Los Angeles Offices and Actors Center
5757 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite PH1
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Website: <http://sagaftra.foundation/>

For assistance programs contact Davidson Lloyd, Director of Assistance Programs
Phone: 323-549-6773

The **Screen Actor's Guild Foundation** offers assistance in the form of the Emergency Assistance program, the COBRA Assistance program, and the Catastrophic Health Fund, which assist eligible members facing challenging circumstances.



Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation

6767 Forest Lawn Drive, #303
Los Angeles, CA 90068
Phone: 323-380-5522 (Toll free: 888-994-3863)
Fax: 323-380-7950
Contact form online
Website: <https://www.wrpioneers.org/>

Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation offers the Pioneers Assistance Fund, which “serves members of the motion picture entertainment industry (exhibition, distribution and trade services) who are encountering an illness, injury or life-changing event. All assistance is intended to provide support during a recovery or adjustment period and lay the foundation for a lifetime of ongoing success.”



DANCE:

The Actors Fund

Email: info@actorsfund.org
Website: www.actorsfund.org; <http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/dancers-resource>

New York City
Phone: 212-221-7300 ext. 119

Email: intakeny@actorsfund.org

Chicago

Phone: 312-372-0989

Email: shaught@actorsfund.org

Los Angeles

Phone: 323-933-9244 ext. 455

Email: intakela@actorsfund.org

The **Actors Fund** offers a **Dancers Resources Program** that provides aid and resources for dancers in the event of significant injury (see website for specific contact info.).



GENERAL:

The Actors Fund

Email: info@actorsfund.org

Website: www.actorsfund.org; <http://wwwtest2.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/entertainment-assistance-program>

New York City

Phone: 212-221-7300 ext. 119

Email: intakeny@actorsfund.org

Chicago

Phone: 312-372-0989

Email: shaught@actorsfund.org

Los Angeles

Phone: 323-933-9244 ext. 455

Email: intakela@actorsfund.org

“**The Actors Fund** is a national human services organization that helps all professionals in performing arts and entertainment.” They offer an **Entertainment Assistance Program** that has an emergency financial assistance component for basic living expenses.



American Guild for Variety Artists

National office:

363 Seventh Avenue, 17th Floor

New York, NY 10001

Phone: 212-675-1003
Fax: 212-633-0097
Email: agva@agvausa.com; agvany@aol.com
Sick & Relief Fund: Contact Christopher Johnson at 347-432-3543,
cjohnson@avgausa.com

West Coast office:
11712 Moorpark Street, Suite 110
Studio City, CA 91604
Phone: 818-508-9984
Fax: 818-508-3029
Email: agvawest@earthlink.net
Sick & Relief Fund: Contact Alex Goldberg at 818-508-9984, alexagva@earthlink.net

Once verifying need, the **American Guild for Variety Artists** offers aid through their Sick & Relief Fund for current and previous AGVA members. The fund provides various bill-paying and emergency grant funding services.



Foundation for Contemporary Arts
820 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10014
Phone: 212-807-7077
Fax: 212-807-7177
Email: info@contemporary-arts.org
Website: <http://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grants/emergency-grants>

The **Foundation for Contemporary Arts** offers an Emergency Grant program for visual and performing artists who have sudden opportunities to publically present work without enough time to seek other funding or “incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses” for works that are almost completed and have showing dates.



MUSICIANS:

American Guild of Musical Artists
1430 Broadway, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10018
Phone: 212-265-3687
Fax: 212-262-9088
Website: <http://www.musicalartists.org/home.html>
Contact info for assistance is the same as for the Actors Fund above

The **American Guild of Musical Artists** contracts with the Actors Fund to provide emergency assistance to members in need.



Grande Ole Opry Trust Fund, Inc.

Grand Ole Opry Customer Service
2804 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
Phone: 615-871-6779 (Toll free: 800-733-6779)
Website: <http://www.opry.com/trustfund>

The Opry Trust Fund provides qualified individuals with financial assistance in times of “extraordinary need, emergency or catastrophe.” Qualified individuals include anyone who has been “employed full-time in some facet of the country music industry (i.e. performer, songwriter, publisher, radio, session musician, etc.)”



Jazz Foundation of America

322 West 48th Street, 6th floor
New York, NY 10036
Phone: 212-245-3999
Email: info@jazzfoundation.org
Website: <http://jazzfoundation.org/>

The **Jazz Foundation of America’s** Jazz Musicians Emergency Fund helps “save musicians from eviction and provide emergency living expenses.”



MusiCares Foundation

MusiCares West Region and MusiCares MAP Fund
3030 Olympic Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
Phone: 310-392-3777 (Toll-free Help Line: 1-800-687-4227)
Fax: 310-392-2187

MusiCares South Region

1904 Wedgewood Ave.
Nashville, TN 37212
Phone: 615-327-0050 (Toll-free Help Line: 1-877-626-2748)

Fax: 615-327-0876

MusiCares East Region (Please note our new address and fax number)

104 West 40th St., Suite 400

New York, NY 10036

Phone: 212-245-7840 (Toll-free Help Line: 1-877-303-6962)

Fax: 310-449-6525

Website: <https://www.grammy.org/musicares>

MusiCares provides a “safety net of critical assistance for music people” struggling with financial, medical, or personal crises.



Musicians Foundation, Inc.

875 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2303

New York, NY 10001

Phone: 212-239-9137

Fax: 212-239-9139

Email: info@musiciansfoundation.org

Website: <http://www.musiciansfoundation.org/>

The **Musicians Foundation** helps professional musicians by providing “crisis relief to musicians in the wake of unexpected hardship or natural disaster.”



Music Maker Relief Foundation

P.O. Box 1358

Hillsborough, NC 27278

Phone: 919-643-2456

Fax: 888-238-8592

Email: 411@musicmaker.org (general information)

Website: <http://www.musicmaker.org/programs/musician-sustenance/>

The **Music Maker Relief Foundation** offers a Musician Sustenance program that includes an emergency needs funding program for artists facing an unexpected situation such as theft, illness, or natural disaster. The program is only available for musicians over the age of 55 and who have a yearly income of less than \$18,000.



Society of Singers, Inc.

26500 West Agoura Road 102-554

Calabasas, CA 91302

Phone: 818-995-7100

Email: sos@singers.org or help@singers.org

Website: singers.org

Society of Singers helps singers who have financial needs resulting from personal, medical, or financial crises. Qualified individuals are “any individual who has derived his/her primary income as a professional singer for 5 years and more.”



Sweet Relief Musicians Fund

Corporate Office

2601 East Chapman Avenue, Suite 204

Fullerton, CA 92831

Phone: 714-626-0447 (Toll free: 888-955-7880)

Fax: 714-626-0473

Email: info@sweetrelief.org

Website: sweetrelief.org

“**Sweet Relief Musicians Fund** provides financial assistance to all types of career musicians who are struggling to make ends meet while facing illness, disability, or age-related problems.”



RENAISSANCE / HISTORICAL:

RESCU Foundation

2206 North Main Street #223

Wheaton, IL 60187

Phone: 1-800-374-9215

Email: contact@RESCUfoundation.org (general) or assistance@RESCUfoundation.org (advocacy and aid request form inquiries)

Website: <http://rescufoundation.org/>

“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, advocacy, education and preventative programs.”



VISUAL ARTS / CRAFT:

Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Inc. Emergency Grant

380 West Broadway

New York, NY 10012

Phone: 212-226-0581

Fax: 212-274-1476

Website: <http://gottliebfoundation.org/grants/emergency-grant/>

Award amount: Max: \$15,000; Typical: \$5,000

The **Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation, Inc.** has an Emergency Grant program that is intended to provide qualified artists with one-time interim financial assistance in the event of an unforeseen, catastrophic event for which they lack the resources to manage. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate that they have been working in a mature phase of their art for at least ten years.



Artists' Fellowship, Inc.

47 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10003

Phone: 212-255-7740 ext. 216 for Artist's Fellowship

Email: info@artistsfellowship.org

Website: <http://www.artistsfellowship.org/about.html>

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



Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+)

P.O. Box 838

Montpelier, VT 05601

(Mailing address)

Phone: 802-229-2306

Fax: 802-223-6484

Email: info@craftemergency.org

Website: <http://craftemergency.org/>

CERF+ provides emergency relief assistance in the form of 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 provide information on

other emergency resources for artists of any discipline and operate [Studio Protector](#), an emergency guide for artists.



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820 Greenwich Street

New York, NY 10014

Phone: 212-807-7077

Fax: 212-807-7177

Email: info@contemporary-arts.org

Website: <http://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grants/emergency-grants>

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Joan Mitchell Foundation

545 West 25th Street, 15th Floor

New York, NY 10001

Phone: 212-524-0100

Email: info@joanmitchellfoundation.org

Website: <http://joanmitchellfoundation.org/artist-programs/artist-grants/emergency>

The **Joan Mitchell Foundation** offers an Emergency Grant Program for US-based visual artists in the mediums of painting, sculpture, and/or drawing who have been severely impacted by a natural or man-made disaster of community-wide impact.



Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc.

863 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10075

Phone: 212-517-5400

Fax: 212-288-2836

Email: grants@pkf.org (general) or grantapplication@pkf.org (grant-related)

Website: <http://www.pkf.org/index.html>

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



Visual AIDS

526 W. 26th Street, #510

New York, NY 10001

Phone: 212-627-9855

Fax: 212-627-9815

Email: info@visualAIDS.org

Website: <https://www.visualaids.org/projects/detail/artists-material-grants>

Award amount: up to \$400 (gift certificate)

Visual AIDS offers an Artists+ Material Grant to artists living with HIV in need of financial assistance for materials to create their work. Must be a member to apply.

The following listings are a compilation of emergency funding resources that are not directed toward a specific artistic discipline, but rather are available for a more general audience.

GENERAL:

TWIN CITIES/REGIONAL:

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties

450 Syndicate Street North

St. Paul, MN 55104

Phone: 651-645-6445

Website: caprw.org

The **Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties** offers energy assistance and self-sufficiency support programs.



Emergency Accessibility Grant

Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Grant

Apply online at: <http://www.mrac.org/grants/emergency-accessibility>

Award amount: up to \$600

The **Emergency Accessibility Grant** offers grant funding in the event of unexpected expenses pertaining to the access of people with disabilities to the arts. This includes artists, audience members, and staff members with disabilities.



Every Penny Counts

Minnesota Aids Project
1400 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Phone: 612-331-7733 (Toll free: 800-565-9028)

Every Penny Counts provides emergency financial assistance for rent, mortgage (greater MN only), utilities, medical care, health insurance premiums, and food to eligible HIV-positive individuals.



J. Happy Delpech Foundation

1579 North Milwaukee, Suite 211
Chicago, IL 60622
Phone: 312-342-1359
Website: <http://wwwtest2.actorsfund.org/resources/j-happy-delpech-foundation>
**The Foundation does not have its own website but can be found on The Actors Fund website.*

The **J. Happy Delpech Foundation** provides up to \$250 grants to artists in the Midwest with AIDS or serious illness.



Saint Paul Foundation

101 Fifth Street East, Suite 2400
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-224-5463 (or 800-875-6167)
Email: info@stpaulfoundation.org
Website:
http://www.saintpaulfoundation.org/who_we_are/our_community_impact/community_initiatives/community_sharing_fund/
Award: \$50-\$500

The **Saint Paul Foundation** operates the Community Sharing Fund, which is directed toward long-term self-sufficiency by providing grants that can be used for a wide range of necessities.

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.



Twin Cities American Red Cross

1201 West River Parkway

Minneapolis, MN 55454

Phone: 612-871-7676

Website: <http://www.redcross.org/local/minnesota>

The **American Red Cross** provides disaster relief for a wide variety of emergency situations. They also offer Health and Safety Training and Education.



NATIONAL:

Change, Inc.

PO Box 1818

Sanibel, FL 33957

Phone: 212-473-3742

Change, Inc. provides one-time emergency grants up to \$1,000 to artists of any discipline. Applicants must be professional artists who can demonstrate need and evidence of established professional status. Call for required application materials.



Modest Needs Foundation

120 East 23rd Street, FL 5

New York, NY 10010

Phone: 844-667-3776

Email: Qualifying – doiquality@modestneeds.org;

General – general.questions@modestneeds.org;

Donating – donor.support@modestneeds.org

Website: <https://www.modestneeds.org/index.asp>

Modest Needs is a non-profit organization that seeks to help low-income workers from slipping into poverty by soliciting the general public to make small, emergency grants to those people.

The following is a listing of funding available for artists in the event of a sudden opportunity.

SUDDEN OPPORTUNITY GRANTS:

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council (Region 3, MN) – Quick Start Grant for Artists, Organizations

Phone: 800-569-8134

Email: info@aracouncil.org

Website: <http://aracouncil.org/>

These are \$1,000 grants that can be used in the event of an “unanticipated opportunity.” Funding must be used within 60 days. Only available for artists living in Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and Saint Louis counties in Minnesota.

*Find the link under the **Grant Resources and Calendars** resource guide on Springboard’s website.

CROWDFUNDING:

For raising smaller amounts of money relatively quickly from colleagues, family, neighbors, friends and others in your community, you may also want to look into using a crowdfunding platform. If you are able to combine a campaign on a crowdfunding platform such as **GoFundMe** with a small fundraising event, you may be able to reach your goal. We’ve worked with artists who have been able to raise a few thousand dollars for expenses such as rent and unforeseen travel, with only a small event with a band in a donated studio space, some donated food and beverages, and about 30 individual donors. For more information about crowdfunding, please see the crowdfunding section of [Springboard’s grant and funding resources page](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

[PEN America Emergency Funds list](#)

[New York Foundation for the Arts Emergency Resources list](#)

[Women Arts Emergency Funds list](#)

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