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As COVID-19 continues to have a tremendous impact on San Antonio arts and culture organizations and artists, we have prepared this list of resources that might be of some assistance to you during this unprecedented time.

Important Things to Remember:

- These services and programs may not be applicable or available to everyone – and due to the large number of applications – criteria for grants may change. If you are seeking relief and feel you may qualify, you are encouraged to connect with these organizations directly through their websites and application process. A link for each opportunity is provided, where you may find more information.
- If you are a member of a professional service organization, association or guild, reach out to those organizations and see if they offer any type of support.

To connect with us, please visit our website at sanantonio.gov/arts or email arts@sanantonio.gov. If you are holding any online events, please remember to enter them into our “Online/Streaming Arts Event Calendar”. We also encourage you visit the [City of San Antonio’s website](#) for the most up-to-date COVID-19 news and San Antonio community resources.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding

Application Deadline: April 22, 2020

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has announced [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act Funding](#) to support arts jobs and help sustain arts organizations. The NEA has posted guidelines to swiftly distribute funding to nonprofit arts organizations from the CARES Act to preserve jobs and help support organizations forced to close operations due to the spread of COVID-19. Full details on the distribution of the \$75 million appropriated to the NEA through the CARES Act are available [online](#). **Organizations that have received NEA grants in the past four years are eligible to apply for a direct grant.** Please see the Arts Endowment’s website for [program description](#), [eligibility requirements](#), [application review](#), and [FAQs](#).

San Antonio Area Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund

Application Deadline: N/A, Ongoing with Applications Reviewed Within 10 Days Business Days

The San Antonio Area Foundation’s COVID-19 Response Fund is available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in Bexar, Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson counties. This program provides general operating grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations with deep roots in community and strong experience in serving populations in the following issue areas:

- Lack of health insurance and/or access to paid sick leave
- Economic impact of reduced and lost work
- Immediate needs of economically vulnerable population caused by COVID-19 related closures
- Increased demand for medical information and support due to fear and confusion among the most vulnerable residents
- Assistance with funding that can be used for food supplies, prescriptions/medical that is not covered by insurance, emergency shelter and cleanup of the disaster.

Applications are reviewed within a 10-business day window, and awards are made shortly thereafter, electronically, to expedite the process. The rapid-response grants will be one-time, general operating investments. Nonprofits may apply [here](#).

[Payroll Protection Program - Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#)

Application Deadline: June 30, 2020

- Loan forgiveness designed to provide direct incentive for retaining employees
- Expansion of the traditional 7(a) loan program
- SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.
- Contact an SBA lender to apply
- For all details on SBA loans, visit the SBA's [website](#). You may also find these [San Antonio Lenders Small Business Resources \(PDF\)](#), [Disaster Loan Process](#), and [Disaster Loan Fact Sheet](#) documents to be helpful.

[Economic Injury Disaster Loan - SBA](#)

- Loan advance of up to \$10,000 for businesses experiencing a loss of revenue
- Loan advance does not have to be repaid
- Available for businesses with less than 500 employees and some non-profits
- For questions about or relating to an Economic Injury Disaster Loan application, contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.
- For all details on SBA loans, visit the SBA's [website](#). You may also find these [San Antonio Lenders Small Business Resources \(PDF\)](#), [Disaster Loan Process](#), and [Disaster Loan Fact Sheet](#) documents to be helpful.

[Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program - SBA](#)

- Allows businesses with a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access \$25,000 quickly
- Help with temporary loss of revenue or used to bridge the gap while applying for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan
- Loan will be repaid in full or in part by proceeds from the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan
- For all details on SBA loans, visit the SBA's [website](#). You may also find these [San Antonio Lenders Small Business Resources \(PDF\)](#), [Disaster Loan Process](#), and [Disaster Loan Fact Sheet](#) documents to be helpful.

[SBA Debt Relief](#)

- SBA will automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of current 7(a), 504, and microloans for 6 months
- SBA will also automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of new 7(a), 504, and microloans issued prior to September 27, 2020.
- For all details on SBA loans, visit the SBA's [website](#). You may also find these [San Antonio Lenders Small Business Resources \(PDF\)](#), [Disaster Loan Process](#), and [Disaster Loan Fact Sheet](#) documents to be helpful.

[LiftFund 0% Interest Loan Program](#)

Through a partnership with LiftFund, the City of San Antonio helps make 0% interest loans available to qualifying local small, minority, and women-owned businesses. Loans range from \$500 to \$100,000 and can be used to help start-up or existing business.

[The Nonprofit Council's #BigGiveRelief](#)

The Nonprofit Council has directed its annual "Big Give SA" effort into an emergency relief fund for nonprofit groups in 15 south Texas counties due to coronavirus. Each organization helped by the fund has its own page and donors can choose where their donation goes. The money will be deposited directly to that group and will be available to them within five to seven days. All groups who had previously registered with the Big Give will keep their page. Nonprofit groups which had not previously registered are welcome to do so free of charge.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Americans for the Arts – [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource and Response Center](#)
- ArtsReady – [Online Research Center](#)

- Grantmakers in the Arts – [COVID-19 Info Hub](#)
- [LaunchSA](#) – San Antonio's fueling center for entrepreneurs and small businesses. Staff members are available and can provide insights to help address specific challenges.
- [Maestro Entrepreneur Center](#) – Committed to helping small businesses accelerate growth beyond the million-dollar revenue threshold.
- National Council of Nonprofits – [Nonprofits and Coronavirus, COVID-19](#)
- Texas Workforce Commission – [COVID-19 Resources for Employers](#)
- US Chamber Foundation – [Resilience in a Box](#)
- US Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship – [The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act](#)

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

[Texas Workforce Commission – Disaster Unemployment Assistance](#)

If you lost your job or work because of this disaster, you may be able to apply for unemployment benefits. You may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance if one of the following occurred as a direct result of the disaster:

- You lost your job, which was more than 50% of your total income.
- You live in, work in, or travel through the disaster area.
- Your place of employment was damaged or closed.
- You were scheduled to start work but the job no longer exists or you can no longer reach the new job.
- You suffered injury or incapacitation.
- You became the breadwinner or major support of the household due to the death of the head of household.

[Artist Relief](#)

Deadline: The fund will operate through Sept. 2020. Due to the magnitude of this crisis, it is anticipated to receive more requests for funding than there are funds to distribute.

Artist Relief will distribute \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19; serve as an ongoing informational resource; and co-launch the [COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers](#), designed by [Americans for the Arts](#), to better identify and address the needs of artists.

To be eligible for a relief grant, applicants must be:

- Practicing artists able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to their work, careers, and a public audience;
- Experiencing dire financial emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 21 years of age or older;
- Able to receive taxable income in the U.S. (e.g. citizen, green card holder, and/or permanent resident who can provide a W9 and SSN or ITIN);
- Residing and working in the U.S. for the last two years;
- Not a full-time employee, board member, director, officer, or immediate family member of any of the coalition partners;
- Not previously awarded a relief grant from this fund.

Please note that the Artist Relief coalition partners will make final eligibility determinations as needed. Learn more by reviewing this [FAQ](#). To apply, click [here](#).

[CERF+ Emergency Relief Grants](#)

The CERF+ Emergency Grants help artists that have experienced a recent, career threatening emergency such as an illness, accident, fire or natural disaster. CERF+ emergency assistance includes grants of up to \$3,000 and/or brokered assistance, such as booth fee waivers and discounts or donations on supplies and equipment. Artists interested in CERF+ emergency assistance must first complete an inquiry form. If it is determined that you may be eligible for assistance, you will be invited to apply for assistance. Before filling out an emergency assistance inquiry form, carefully read through the eligibility criteria and supporting documentation requirements.

[MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)

MusiCares has expanded its services to include lost income due to the cancellation of scheduled gigs or performances due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 precautionary measures. Music industry professionals may apply for grants up to \$1,000 to compensate for cancelled work that was scheduled and lost. Should additional additional funding become available, the organization will evaluate the grant amounts available. All items below must be included in your request:

- A completed [MusiCares application](#)
- Proof of cancellations and bookings
- A biography, resume, or discography

[Artist Relief Project](#)

Anyone pursuing the arts as a career (any discipline, any level of experience) can request financial support from the Artist Relief Project, which will provide applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis with a one-time emergency stipend of \$200 and free resources and support to pursue alternative economic opportunities.

[Sweet Relief COVID-19 Fund](#)

Provides immediate assistance and via a DONOR-DIRECTED FUND with a limited amount of funds available to be used specifically for musicians and music industry workers affected by the Coronavirus. Funds raised will go towards medical expenses, lodging, clothing, food and other vital living expenses to those impacted due to sickness or loss of work. Those wishing to apply must provide the following:

- A completed [Sweet Relief Application](#)
- Supplementary documentation proving that at least 50% of all income comes from working within the music community
- Proof of cancellations and bookings and/or relevant medical documentation

[Foundation for the Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants COVID-19 Fund](#)

A temporary fund to meet the needs of experimental artists who have been impacted by the economic fallout from postponed or canceled performances and exhibitions. The Foundation will disburse one-time \$1,500 grants to artists who have had performances or exhibitions canceled or postponed because of the pandemic.

[Haven Foundation Grants](#)

Deadline: July 17, 2020. All applications received after that date will be held for the next round of grants.

The Foundation grants to safeguard and sustain the careers of established freelance artists, writers and other members of the arts and art production communities during times of difficulty.

[PEN America](#)

The PEN Writers' Emergency Fund is an emergency fund for professional—published or produced—writers in acute, emergency financial crisis. Depending on the situation, the Fund gives grants of up to \$2,000.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR ARTISTS

- [COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources](#) - An aggregated list of FREE resources, opportunities, and financial relief options available to artists of all disciplines.
- Dance Magazine – [Freelancer's Guide to Unemployment Benefits – and Other Financial Help](#)
- Freelancers Union Blog – [What the CARES Act Means for Freelancers](#)
- Learning to See – [SBA Disaster Loan: Artists' Edition. What You Need to Know](#)