

RESOURCES FOR TOURING PERSONNEL

GRANT AND LOAN OPTIONS FOR THE ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, AND TOURING PERSONNEL THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS.

UNITED STATES

NATIONAL

THE CARES ACT

Overview: Self-employed songwriters, musicians and other music industry workers will be eligible for both grants and loans to make up for lost income during this unprecedented time under the “CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act),” the stimulus bill that was just signed into law.

Additional Information: Payments will be made to those who don't typically qualify for unemployment benefits (e.g. self-employed, independent contractors, etc.) through December 2020. You will need to prove that you aren't able to work because of COVID-19

Websites: [CNBC](#) / [The National Law Review](#) / [NSAI](#)

CREW NATION

Overview: Live music inspires millions around the world, but the concerts we all enjoy wouldn't be possible without the countless crew members working behind the scenes. As COVID-19 puts concerts on pause, we want to extend a helping hand to the touring and venue crews who depend on shows to make a living. Live Nation has committed \$10 million to Crew Nation – contributing an initial \$5 million to the fund, then matching the next \$5 million given by artists, fans and employees dollar for dollar.

Additional Information: Over the next week, Live Nation will be reaching out to crew members from tours across the globe whose income has already been affected due to the cancellation or rescheduling of a Live Nation event. Crew Nation will be releasing an application for live music crews across the industry. Please check back for next steps.

Contact Info: crewnation@hobmusicforward.org

Website

MUSICARES

Overview: Offers short-term financial assistance

Requirements: Minimum of 5 years of employment in the industry or 6 commercially released recordings or videos.

Additional Information: Chapters in: Los Angeles, Nashville, and New York; For Nashville, scroll down for more detailed contact info

Contact Info: musicaresrelief@musicares.org

Website

MUSICIANS FOUNDATION

Overview: Providing financial assistance to musicians in times of need, crisis, or transition.

Requirements: Must be a musician (any genre) in a time of acute need, due to personal, medical, dental, or family crisis, natural disaster, or other emergency situation; Must have worked in the USA as a professional musician for at least five (5) years and must currently reside in the US; Will need to provide tax documentation specifying that for five (5) or more years, your principal income has been from work as a musician.

Contact Info: info@musiciansfoundation.org / 212-239-9137

Website

SWEET RELIEF MUSICIANS FUND

Overview: Sweet Relief is here to provide immediate assistance 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.

Requirements: Must provide supplementary documentation proving that at least 50% of all income comes from working within the music community; Proof of cancellations and bookings; Relevant medical documentation

Contact Info: Brittani Escobedo / 714-626-0447

[Website](#)

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

Overview: AFM is calling on Congress to provide immediate economic relief on behalf of musicians and other working people in the midst of the crisis, including expanded unemployment benefits and a moratorium on evictions, foreclosures and utility shut-offs. Disabled AFM members can apply for financial aid through Petrillo Memorial Fund.

Requirements: Must be an AFM member

Additional Information: Join AFM at <https://www.afm.org/join/new-members/>

Contact Info: 917-229-0224

[Website](#)

ARTIST RELIEF TREE

Overview: Anyone who is an artist can request funds from the Artist Relief Tree

Requirements: Open to any Artist and Musician

Additional Information: Plans to fulfill every request with a flat \$250 one a first-come-first serve basis. Fund is currently paused until it can secure more funding - sign up [here](#) if you would like to be informed when the opportunity becomes available again.

Contact Info: artistrelieftree@gmail.com

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

EQUAL SOUND CORONA RELIEF FUND

Overview: Open to any musician who has lost income due to cancelled gigs as a result of Covid-19 outbreak

Requirements: Be a human and a musician who had a confirmed gig cancelled due to coronavirus that you are not getting paid for; Fill out the info listed on Equal Sound link above; Upload your W9; Upload evidence that you had this gig confirmed and then canceled in a single PDF (Can be a contract, screenshots of texts confirming details, etc. Put everything into one PDF and upload to application)

[Website](#)

NEWPORT FESTIVALS MUSICIAN RELIEF FUND

Overview: Newport Festivals Foundation has established the Newport Festivals Musician Relief Fund to provide financial relief to musicians in our Folk & Jazz communities experiencing a loss of income as a result of COVID-19 through rapid micro and full grants.

Additional Information: Focus and priority will be on artists who have played the Newport Jazz or Folk Festivals and those in our Rhode Island community.

Contact Info: 978-768-7664

[Website](#)

SOUND ROYALTIES NO-COST FUNDING PROGRAM

Overview: Sound Royalties helps songwriters, artists, producers, and other music creators leverage their royalty streams for professional or personal funding. Through innovative financial alternatives, creatives can realize their ambitions without compromising the rights to their music. Musicians will be able to obtain advances from the \$20m pot over the next 30 days, through April 16, or until the money is depleted. Sound Royalties says that songwriters, performing artists, producers and others with royalty income can apply for zero-interest cash advances on a one-year repayment schedule with “no fees or costs of any kind”.

Requirements: Must apply before April 16, 2020

Contact Info: 888-987-3224 / <https://soundroyalties.com/contact/>

Website

THE CREATOR FUND

Overview: ConvertKit has established a \$150,000+ fund to help creators in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please read details below and then submit your information if you are in need.

Additional information: Have received over 6,000 applicants so far - fund will likely be exhausted before they can get to everyone

Website

ACTORS FUND

Overview: The Actors Fund fosters stability and resiliency, and provides a safety net for performing arts and entertainment professionals over their lifespan.

Requirements: Must provide current financial need; A minimum of five years of recent industry paid employment with earnings of at least \$6,500 for three out of the last five years OR a minimum of 20 years of industry paid employment with a minimum of 10 years of earnings of at least \$5,000.

Additional Information: Assistance nationally with offices in LA, NYC, and Chicago

Contact Info: info@actorsfund.org / 323-933-9244, ext. 455 (LA), 212-221-7300, ext. 119 (NYC), and 312-372-0989 (Chicago)

Website

SOUNDGIRLS CORONAVIRUS RELIEF

Overview: The SoundGirls CoronaVirus Relief Fund helps production techs across the globe that are now unemployed due to the CoronaVirus Pandemic by providing a small amount of aid to purchase necessities and slightly ease the stress.

Requirements: Have been working in Live Event Production for the last three years as a primary source of income; Be able to provide two professional referrals; Employment documentation; Professional Resume

Additional information: Providing \$100 gift cards (Visa, Target, Gas, Grocery, etc) to qualified techs. Hoping to expand the amount in the coming weeks. Sending the gift cards via email on March 20, 2020, and will fill all requests until they run out

Website

ARTIST RELIEF PROJECT

Overview: The recent global health crisis has had a huge impact on the arts industry. Artists, musicians, and performers dependent on live events and face-to-face interactions have lost their main source of income, and it is uncertain when (and if) they will be able to resume their livelihood as normal. The Artist Relief Project is collecting donations from those with the means to help. Funds will support artists in any discipline, who have been directly impacted by event cancellations and venue closures due to COVID19-related health concerns. The funds raised will offer relief to artists in the immediate short term in the form of a one-time stipend and in the long term in the form of resources for alternative, sustainable economic opportunities.

Requirements: The only requirements are (1) you demonstrate you're an artist by sharing your resume and website, where applicable, and (2) you share this fundraiser with your own networks and provide a screenshot of that activity.

Additional information: Providing \$100 gift cards (Visa, Target, Gas, Grocery, etc) to qualified techs. Hoping to expand the amount in the coming weeks. Sending the gift cards via email on March 20, 2020, and will fill all requests until they run out

Contact Info: ArtistRelief@ArtlyWorld.org / 512-522-7656

Website

NEW MUSIC SOLIDARITY FUND

Overview: The New Music Solidarity Fund is an artist-led initiative that aims to grant emergency funding to musicians impacted by COVID-19.

Requirements: Are you a musician working in new, creative, experimental or improvised music and are you a freelance artist, i.e., non-salaried by an institution?; Have you had a COVID-19 related cancelation of project(s)/ performance(s) involving music by a living composer?; Is your immediate livelihood threatened by these cancelations?

Additional information: Fund currently paused due to an overwhelming amount of applications. Check website often for news of application process re-opening.

Contact Info: solidarity@newmusicusa.org

Website

FOUNDATION FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS

Overview: For as long as our Board of Directors determines it is necessary and prudent to do so, the Foundation will disburse \$1,000 grants to artists who have had performances or exhibitions canceled or postponed because of the COVID-19 virus.

Website

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE JEWISH LOANS

Overview: IAJFL, though a state-specific member organization, offers assistance through a variety of interest-free loan programs.

Requirements: If there is a JFL office in your state, you may be able to qualify for an interest-free loan. There are offices in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland/District of Columbia, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.

Additional information: You do not need to be Jewish to apply

Contact Info: Chris Black / 602-230-7983 / info@iajfl.org

Website: List of specific offices/chapters

C A L I F O R N I A

LA MAYOR'S ECONOMIC RELIEF PACKAGE

Overview: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced an \$11 million economic relief package for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Small businesses anchored in the city of Los Angeles can apply for no-fee microloans of \$5,000–\$20,000 that may be used to cover working capital.

Website

JEWISH FREE LOAN ASSOCIATION - Los Angeles Chapter

Overview: JFLA is an interest-free micro-lending agency. Loans available for those affected by Coronavirus

Requirements: Must be a resident of LA and Ventura County; Need to show proof of need and will need at least one guarantor.

Additional Information: Applicants do not have to be Jewish to qualify; General loans go up to \$10,000

Contact Info: Sarit Kashanian / 323-761-8836 / info@jfla.org or sarit@jfla.org

Website

T E N N E S S E E

MUSICARES - Nashville Chapter

Overview: Offers short-term financial assistance

Requirements: Minimum of 5 years of employment in the industry or 6 commercially released recordings or videos

Additional Information: COVID-19-specific fund has been set up

Contact Info: Stefanie Curtiss / 615-327-0050 / Stefanie.Curtiss@musicares.org / musicaresrelief@musicares.org

Website

OPRY TRUST FUND

Overview: Opry Trust Fund's mission is to help those in the country music industry when they need it the most, by offering financial assistance during their time of need.

Requirements: Must be an individual who has or have been employed full time in a facet of the country music industry (i.e. performer, songwriter, publisher, radio, session musician, etc.)

Additional Information: Accepts referrals from Musicares; If you are applying for aid through Musicares, mention that you'd like to apply for the Opry Trust Fund as well. Ask for their referral.

Website

MUSIC HEALTH ALLIANCE

Overview: Serves individuals in the entertainment business nationwide in all genres of music who need assistance with: medical bills or health guidance, finding financial grants, affordable health insurance, answers to Medicare questions, and more

Contact Info: info@musichealthalliance.com / (615) 200-6896

Website

ACM LIFTING LIVES DIANE HOLCOMB EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND & ACM LIFTING LIVES COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

Overview: ACM Lifting Lives is the philanthropic arm of the Academy of Country Music dedicated to improving lives through the power of music.

Contact Info: Taylor Wolf / liftinglives@acmcountry.com

Websites: [ACM Website](#) / [Diane Holcomb Emergency Relief Fund Application](#) / [ACM Lifting Lives COVID-19 Response Fund](#)

NASHVILLE MAYOR JOHN COOPER'S COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

Overview: The more than \$1 million fund, housed by United Way of Greater Nashville, will deploy resources to community-based organizations.

Additional Information: United Way doesn't distribute funds directly to individuals. They distribute funds to specific organizations that distribute funds to individuals. Organizations include Needlink Nashville and Rooftop Nashville (more information below)

Contact Info: 615-279-1410

Website

NEEDLINK NASHVILLE

Overview: Can provide short-term support, including assistance with utilities and housing

Requirements: Must be Davidson County resident or NES customer; Bills must be past due

Additional Information: Partially funded by Mayor John Cooper's COVID-19 Response Fun (hosted by United Way of Greater Nashville)

Website

ROOFTOP NASHVILLE

Overview: Provides emergency rental or mortgage assistance

Requirements: Must be a resident of Davidson County

Additional Information: Partially funded by Mayor John Cooper's COVID-19 Response Fun (hosted by United Way of Greater Nashville)

Website

CITY ROAD CHAPEL'S BAR AND RESTAURANT WORKERS HELP FUND

Overview: Service-industry workers are amongst the hardest hit in the midst of the Coronavirus crisis. This is an attempt to help address the needs of those who serve us regularly by providing resources to help ease their burden while they are out of work.

Requirements: Must be a service-industry worker in Nashville; Prove residency and/or employment in the following zip codes: 37115, 37216, 37138, 37206, 37214; Provide a letter from your employer that you are an active employee who has been laid off due to the closings from the COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Additional Information: Fund is still being developed and not yet ready for applications.

Website

N E W Y O R K

NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS EMERGENCY GRANTS

Overview: New York Foundation for the Arts and Robert Rauschenberg Foundation are teaming up to provide emergency medical grants for artists who need help paying for healthcare amid the crisis.

Requirements: Open to visual and media artists, and choreographers; Open to artists who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents in the United States, District of Columbia, or U.S. Territories; Applicants must demonstrate current and ongoing activity in their artistic discipline/s; Applicants cannot be enrolled in any degree-seeking program.

Additional Information: The grants, expected to be rolled out in late May or early June, will offer artists of all disciplines up to \$5,000 of assistance for medical emergencies.

Contact Info: emergencyfunds@nyfa.org

Website

HEBREW FREE LOAN SOCIETY - New York City Chapter

Overview: Hebrew Free Loan Society is an interest-free micro-lending agency. Loans to support individuals with financial challenges caused by the Coronavirus outbreak.

Requirements: Must be a resident of NYC's five boroughs, Westchester, or Long Island

Additional information: You do not need to be Jewish to apply

Contact Info: Ian Shrank & Rabbi David Rosenn / 212-687-0188 / info@hfls.org

Website

TOUR SUPPORT, LightHopeLife

Overview: Tens of thousands of live entertainment crew are out of work right now and for the foreseeable future. In an attempt to provide mental health relief in this crucial time, Tour Support is providing free tele-therapy services to those out of work due to the crisis.

Websites: [Better Help: Tour Support Individual Application](#) (For Artists touring independently without a crew or band) / [Shading The Limelight](#) (Wellness coaching)

BACKLINE

Overview: Backline was established to connect music industry professionals and their families with mental health and wellness providers.

Additional Information: In the wake of this pandemic, they have established a virtual support group that plans regular meetings via the Zoom app.

Facebook

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N A T I O N A L

MUSICIANS' UNION CORONAVIRUS HARDSHIP FUND

Overview: We are a community of over 32,000 musicians. Protecting our members' rights and campaigning for a fairer music industry. We are #BehindEveryMusician. MU Coronavirus Hardship Fund is a £1M hardship fund that members with genuine and pressing hardship can apply to.

Requirements: Been in continuous membership of the MU for the last twelve months or more; Is currently paying the full MU membership subscription rate; Is a UK resident; Is suffering genuine hardship from loss of work due to the Coronavirus pandemic; Has not already successfully received a payment from the MU Coronavirus Hardship Fund

Additional information: Restricting the individual grants to a maximum of £200 while they monitor the level of applications. MU website also provides COVID-19 advice (Travel support, Financial help, etc.)

Website: [Musicians' Union](#) / [Musicians' Union Hardship Fund](#)

HELP MUSICIANS

Overview: Independent UK charity for professional musicians of all genres, from starting out through to retirement. Many musicians may be fearful of the implications Covid-19 could have on their own health and their performance and teaching commitments, which in turn might have an impact on a range of issues, including finances and mental health.

Requirements: You are a professional working musician (by which we mean performer, composer/creator or directly involved in the production of music, or in work for which the main qualification is a high level of musical training); You are self employed or currently unemployed; You are in need of financial help; You satisfy our residency requirements; You are not currently in Further or Higher Education

Additional information: Offers a one-off payment of £500 per applicant.

Contact Info: hardshipfund@helpmusicians.org.uk / 0207 239 9103

Website

PRS EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Overview: This money is available to PRS members globally and will be offered in grants of up to £1000 each, depending on need.

Requirements: Have been a PRS writer member for at least two years; Have earned at least £500 of PRS royalties within the last two years; Are suffering genuine hardship from loss of work due to the Coronavirus pandemic

Website

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Overview: The Arts Council understand the impact the Covid-19 crisis is having on all parts of the cultural workforce, so they are looking to provide £4 million from this £20 million budget for grants to benevolent funds targeted at other cultural workers. More information on this will be shared soon.

Additional information: COVID-19 fund application will be open on 30 March. Potential applicants will need to register on their application portal by 3 April. Also, [Funding Finder](#) allows you to search for additional funds you can apply for.

Website

M E N T A L H E A L T H / S U P P O R T G R O U P S

MUSIC MINDS MATTER

Overview: Help Musicians runs a support line called Music Minds Matter (MMM) available any time of day or night for a listening ear; it doesn't have to be a crisis. They have trained advisors that are here to listen, support and help at any time. Through calling MMM, eligible musicians can access free face-to-face or telephone counselling, or online Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT).

Requirements: Must be UK resident. If living overseas, but are UK national, you can still call.

Contact Info: 0808 802 8008 / MMM@helpmusicians.org.uk

Website

MUSIC SUPPORT

Overview: A helpline for anyone in the music industry suffering from alcoholism, addiction, emotional or mental health issues.

Contact Info: helpline@musicsupport.org / 0800 030 6789

Website

ISM

Overview: A 24 hour helpline for ISM members. Counselling (telephone and face to face) can also be arranged through the support line.

Website

MIND

Overview: For urgent help and support. Plus advice on how to support others.

Website

A U S T R A L I A

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AUSTRALIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

Overview: The Australia Council is announcing its first Response Package to support artists, arts practitioners, arts groups and arts organisations coping with the impact of COVID-19.

Additional information: Response package includes: Reporting and other grant conditions relief; Adjustments to Four Year Funding 2021-2024; Suspending current investment programs and introducing new ones focused on immediate relief; An online learning series to assist our sector respond to the crisis; First Nations support; Sector roundtables; Digital support; Sector development initiatives; Research and analysis that will identify immediate and long term impacts of COVID- 19 on Australia's cultural sector, and the broader public as a result.

Contact Info: enquiries@australiacouncil.gov.au

Website

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT - THE TREASURY

Overview: All artists, art practitioners, arts groups and arts organisations should also be looking at the Government's measures to provide hardship support. The Australian Government is providing financial assistance to Australians. This assistance includes income support payments, payments to support households and temporary early releases of superannuation.

Additional information: Income support for individuals; Payments to support households; Temporary early release of superannuation; Temporarily reducing superannuation minimum drawdown rates; Reducing social security deeming rates

Website

I LOST MY GIG AUSTRALIA

Overview: Bushfires and Coronavirus have led to the cancellation and postponement of hundreds of concerts, conferences, events and festivals across Australia and the rest of the world - with many more events still vulnerable. Many performers, businesses and contractors have lost vital income.

Website

PAC AUSTRALIA - COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

Overview: PAC Australia are urgently requesting venues across the country provide initial data to inform the sector-wide call to government for emergency funding.

Additional information: Asking for estimated data to report to gov't for emergency funding

Websites: [PAC Website](#) / [PAC Impact Survey](#)

MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS ALLIANCE

Overview: MEAA, along with other organisations in these sectors, is calling for targeted industry support and a national scheme of paid leave for any workers who are self-employed, casual or whose employer cannot provide them with paid leave in the event of a stand down.

Additional information: Tell MEAA your story so they can help to build a strong case about the economic, financial and social impact on the arts of coronavirus.

Website

ARTS QUEENSLAND

Overview: The Individuals Fund is for individual artists and cultural workers (emerging and established) to participate in transformational professional and career development opportunities.

Contact Info: (07) 3034 4016; 1800 175 531 (toll free) / investment@arts.qld.gov.au

Website

CITY OF ADELAIDE - ARTS & CULTURAL GRANTS

Overview: City of Adelaide recognises the important role that creativity and culture can play in the wellbeing of the community. In support of the creative sector and our city communities we are progressing the Arts and Cultural Grants Program. Given the unknown status about events and the requirements for social distancing we appreciate that some activities may not be able to proceed as planned or at the time nominated. We will be pleased to still receive applications and to be flexible in the assessment process around delivery timeframe, dependent on official advice at that time.

Contact Info: Natali Rojas Palacio / 0466 946 512 / N.Palacio@cityofadelaide.com.au

Website

MUSIC WORKS - QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS

Overview: Music Works is the Victorian Government's four-year, \$22.2 million contemporary music funding and support program.

Requirements: Victorian-based professional music practitioners working in contemporary music from all genres and career stages; Victorian-based managers, technicians, venues and small to medium industry organisations.

Contact Info: Aarti Desai / 8683 3163 / aarti.desai@creative.vic.gov.au

Website

M E N T A L H E A L T H / S U P P O R T G R O U P S

WELLBEING HELPLINE

Overview: The Support Act Wellbeing Helpline is a free, confidential counselling service that is available to anyone working in Australian music (all genres), or the Australian Performing Arts, who needs to talk to someone about any aspect of their wellbeing.

Contact Info: 1800 959 500 (toll-free within Australia)

Website

Please note: If contact info is not provided, please contact the organization directly through their website.

A D D I T I O N A L R E S O U R C E S

Billboard: A State-by-State Resource Guide for Music Professionals Who Need Help During Coronavirus Crisis

The New York Times: Your Money: A Hub for Help During the Coronavirus Crisis

Pitchfork: How Countries Around the World Fund Music—and Why It Matters

Music COVID Relief

Music Unites Us: Coronavirus Resources for Music Creators

Music Industry Therapists: Guide To Anxiety Relief & Self Isolation

Song Writers of North America (SONA): COVID-19 Emergency Resources

BandZoog: Funding for musicians: music grants in Canada

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