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COVID updates and resources for artists and arts orgs

Organization	Status / initiative	Link
	General non-arts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CERB: Answers to common questions - automated help line: 1-833-966-2099• CERB or CRA My Account: To speak with an agent - 1-800-959-8281• NelliganLaw: https://nelliganlaw.ca/employment-law-helpline/• https://nelliganlaw.ca/service/covid-19/• If orgs use Ceridian for payroll, they have great instructions and free webinars for all the different benefits.	
Canadian	Arts orgs, groups and resources	
LEAN Canada - Leadership Emergency Arts Network	An initiative by Celia Smith, Michele Maheux and Jeanne LeSage as an immediate, ad hoc, pro bono response network to help arts organizations, big and small, deal with what is coming at them with the COVID-19 crisis.	From LinkedIn - Google doc
Aboriginal Curatorial Collective	In response to gallery and museum closures and program suspensions due to COVID-19 across the world, the Aboriginal Curatorial Collective / Collectif des commissaires autochtones is inviting Independent INDIGENOUS Curators and Arts Creatives to join our Curating Care project in order to receive a small honorarium.	Web page
Orchestras Canada	Posted 9 March, Updated 19 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google docs posted on website with list of national and international resources including what orchestras are doing across the country	Web page

CAPACOA	<p>Updated 19 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing: They are creating a document that will be updated daily for the live performance and presenting community • Monitoring problems: They have created a mailing list to monitor problems and share best practices for dealing with them. You can subscribe to receive info • Tracking and measure impact: They have created a tracking spreadsheet to report any cancellation. They are in the process of developing a more robust survey • Resource links from public health • Resource links for the performing arts community 	Web page - Google docs
IMAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a meeting to discuss issues with the sector 	imaa.ca
SODEC	<p>31 mars</p> <p><i>Le Devoir</i> - La SODEC a annoncé sur son site quelques mesures, dont le devancement des versements de subventions de certains programmes habituels, le versement anticipé des deuxièmes tranches de subventions dans d'autres programmes et le report de trois mois du remboursement des prêts en capital et en intérêts.</p> <p>23 mars - Délais supplémentaires pour prochains dépôts en cinéma</p> <p>18 mars - La SODEC met en place des mesures concrètes pour soutenir les clientèles :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devancement des versements de subventions dans le cadre de certains programmes réguliers (PADISQ, tous les volets d'aide, incluant l'aide additionnelle à la tournée). • Versement anticipé des deuxièmes tranches de subvention dans le cadre de certains programmes réguliers, secteurs livre, musique et variétés, métiers d'art, promotion et diffusion du cinéma, affaires internationales et exportation. • Toutes les subventions pour l'organisation ou la participation à un événement national ou international reporté, modifié ou annulé en raison de la COVID-19 seront évaluées. • Report, pour une période de trois mois débutant le 16 mars 2020, du remboursement des prêts en capital et en intérêts, pour l'ensemble des entreprises financées en prêts directs par la banque d'affaires de la SODEC. • COVID-19 - Collecte de données pour soutenir la clientèle 	<p>site web</p> <p>Article dans le Devoir</p>

CARFAC	<p>17 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID page with suggestions and resources • Links to Council information on the Art works abroad page 	carfac.ca
Writers' Union of Canada / Writer's Trust of Canada	<p>31 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Relief fund: Writers' Trust of Canada, the Writers' Union of Canada and RBC provide a \$150,000 fund of \$1,500 grants to writers for cancelled contracts or appearances. Deadline April 9 - payments to go out within a week. • A page titled: Document your economic losses: COVID-19 pandemic with a list of all provincial funders COVID pages 	Web page for fund Wep page
Infinite Arts Centre (Deaf/Disability arts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calgary - Staff to hand deliver more than 300 "artists kits" to all its members so they can continue to create from home. • The centre will offer a variety of online programs to its members, including four online sessions a day where participants can speak with facilitators. 	Web site News article
Business / Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar: COVID-19 and the Federal government's support to the arts sector • Important update on Canadian Arts Summit 23 scheduled to take place at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity on April 16-18. • Given the rapidly moving news cycle, including cautions at all levels of government to avoid large gatherings where possible, we have made the decision to postpone this year's Canadian Arts Summit indefinitely. • Instead, in service to the arts sector and in the spirit of the Canadian Arts Summit, we will host a virtual gathering on April 16, where we will discuss COVID-19 and its implication to Canada's arts sector. We'll share more details on this session in the coming weeks and we'll share updates directly with our mailing list. 	Web page

<p>ELAN</p>	<p>Page with general and specific resources for artists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curating Care - Honorariums for Indigenous Artists amid COVID-19 • Woodcock Fund Grant - emergency funds for writers mid-project • NABS financial assistance for media, marketing, and communications pros • The AFC -- Emergency financial aid for entertainment professionals • Unison - Financial aid for musicians • CANADIAN Low-Income Artist/Musician Relief Fund • Rapid Response aid for precarious workers not limited to artists - prioritizes sex workers and service workers first, then other freelancers 	<p>Web page</p>
<p>Union des artistes (UdA)</p>	<p>6 avril - <i>La Presse</i> COVID-19: l'UdA veut rassurer les artistes</p>	<p>Video</p>
<p>NAC</p>	<p>2 April 2 The addition of authors to #CanadaPerforms is possible thanks to a \$100,000 donation by Facebook Canada. Kick off with Margaret Atwood in conversation with Adrienne Clarkson.</p> <p>19 Mar NAC and Facebook Canada launch #CanadaPerforms - a \$600,000 short-term relief fund that pays Canadian artists \$1,000 for online performances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAC & Facebook Canada - \$100,00 total • Slaight Music - \$100,000 • RBC Foundation & SiriusXM, Canada - \$200,000 ea • Recipients will be listed on the NAC's Facebook page. 	<p>Web page News article - authors Announcement</p>
<p>Canadian Network for Arts and Learning</p>	<p>Comprehensive list of resources for the Arts and Learning sector during the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>Web page</p>
<p>Ontario Trillium Foundation</p>	<p>Commitment to continue supporting artist</p>	<p>Website</p>

Unison Benevolent Fund - music	<p>Updated March 23, 2020</p> <p>Unison Benevolent Fund is a non-profit, registered charity that provides counselling and emergency relief services to the Canadian music community. Since the outbreak, Unison has received an overwhelming number of requests for assistance from the music community. Registrations have increased by 1,900% or nearly \$200,000 per week.</p>	<p>For music community</p>
Elephant Artist Relief	<p>23 March update</p> <p>Relief funds for Calgary artists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Relief Funds - For Visual Artists: EAR's Emergency Relief Funds can provide assistance to any individual visual artist residing in Calgary who is in urgent need due to an unforeseen medical emergency or other catastrophic event. • Rebound Fund - All Other Disciplines: same idea as above 	<p>Web site</p>
National Theatre School of Canada	<p>23 March update</p> <p>The National Theatre School of Canada (NTS) is allocating \$60,000 in support of emerging artists (as 80 grants of \$750). These funds will be granted to theatre artists in training, or artists who have completed a theatre training program within the past five years, to present a piece of art online.</p>	<p>National Theatre School of Canada</p>
Netflix	<p>This community has supported Netflix through the good times, and we want to help them through these hard times, especially while governments are still figuring out what economic support they will provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 million fund to help with hardship in the creative community. • \$15 million of the fund will go to third parties and non-profits providing emergency relief to out-of-work crew and cast in the countries where we have a large production base. 	<p>Website</p>
Gimli Film Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGF launches creation of Manitoba Home Movie Archive, • 	<p>Web page Announcement</p>
Freelance artists	<p>COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources: A list specifically designed to serve freelance artists and those interested in supporting the independent artist community.</p>	
Cdn Live Music Assn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 federal aid package and the live music industry. 	<p>web page</p>

Music - Provincial initiatives

2 April

- [Alberta Music](#) - list of provincial, federal, COVID, business and general health resources
- **SaskMusic** in Saskatchewan announced an [emergency relief fund](#)
- **Manitoba Music** launched an [emergency financial relief fund](#) to help music entrepreneurs.
- [MusicOntario](#) - List of resources: general, regional and for musicians
- [Music Together](#) / OntarioLive - \$300K fund set up for Ontario musicians. Supported Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture, Shopify, Facebook and other donors [News article](#)
- **Music·Musique NB** is partnering with the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture to launch the [NB At Home program](#). The funding program will support emerging and established New Brunswick artists presenting live performances on social media during the coronavirus outbreak. Selected artists will receive between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for their live-streamed performances. [News article](#)
- **Music PEI** launches [Tiny Island Concert series](#) to help put money back in musicians' pockets

FACTOR	<p>2 April</p> <p>The minimum funding contribution percentage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minimum percentage of FACTOR’s funding contribution is now 75% of the total eligible budget, across all programs. This change comes as part of a relief effort from the Department of Canadian Heritage. Components already currently funded at 100%, 75%, or subsidy-based will not change.• Components previously funded at 50% will now be funded at 75%. <p>31 March</p> <p>Envelope Funding Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to help Canada Music Fund (CMF) recipients manage the COVID crisis, the Department of Canadian Heritage and FACTOR have made changes to the Envelope Funding for Music Companies program and application process. <p>12 March</p> <p>Cancellation policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Directors approved a plan to address cancellations of events and activities due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.• FACTOR will honour all approved commitments at 100% of the amount approved for funding in situations where the event or activity was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, this includes SXSW and the Junos, as well as all other activities such as tours, showcases and certain collective events.	<p>Web page</p>
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SOCAN	<p>2 April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Un fonds de crise de 2 millions a été créé afin de venir en aide à ses membres qui souffrent de l'annulation de spectacles ou de productions audiovisuelles. L'aide prendra la forme d'une avance sur les redevances, libre d'intérêts, principalement destinée aux auteurs-compositeurs et aux compositeurs. • SOCAN's COVID-19 page has a great list of resources for musicians including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Live Nation has announced the launch of Crew Nation, a \$10 million fund to benefit tour crew members during the pandemic ○ Le P'tit Bar, a small but crucial Montreal venue for Francophone song from the city, the province, the country, and the world, has started a GoFundMe campaign ○ The Montreal Venue Staff Association is raising funds to help support idle venue staff over the next couple of months while bars and clubs remain closed ○ Unison Benevolent Fund announced a \$500,000 COVID-19 Relief Program ○ Spotify will match up to \$10 million in donations to support artists, rolls out new initiatives. ○ Hamilton patron of the arts Ellen Davidson has started a CONTRIBUTE 2 The RENT campaign 	Web page
Toronto Alliance for Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of resources - art related and other 	Web site
Cultural Human Resources Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of compiled resources in Canada and each province in PDF form 	web page
CRTC	<p>Mar 31 - The CRTC will be waiving Part I licence fees for broadcasters for the 2020-21 fiscal year, representing a collective savings of \$30 million for more than 100 radio and television providers.</p>	News article

**ArtsPond / Étang
d'Arts**

Council funded org - Incubating healthy human ecosystems through collective actions fusing social innovation and the arts on-the-ground and in-the-cloud.

Initiatives include

- [I Lost My Gig Canada](#) - space for arts and other vulnerable freelance and gig workers in Canada and beyond to share stories and resources addressing the impacts of COVID-19 and growing income precarity more broadly.
- [COVID19 Task Force](#) - COVID19 Response is a collaborative task force bringing together arts, culture, and heritage leaders and organizations in Canada to develop and implement shared strategies that respond to and evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 across regional and disciplinary silos.

[Web site](#)

CBC list of resources

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[Website](#)

Emergency funding

- [Woodcock Fund Grant](#) – This grant provides emergency funds for writers mid-project.
- [The AFC](#) – Provides emergency financial aid for entertainment professionals.
- [Unison](#) – Provides financial aid for musicians.
- [Emergency Survival Fund for LGBTQ2S artists, performers, tip-based workers](#) - Administered by Glad Day Bookshop in Toronto, this fund will help cover emergency aid and paid work for LGBTQ2S artists, performers and tip-based workers.
- [CANADIAN Low-Income Artist/Musician Relief Fund](#) – A group fundraising to support a relief fund.
- [Behind the Scenes Basic Needs Grants](#) – Provides financial assistance for seriously ill entertainment technology professionals in the U.S. and Canada.
- [Facebook-National Arts Centre Fund for Performing Artists](#) – Accepting applications from artists who post a 45 to 60 minute online performance between today and March 31, 2020. Financial grants will be given out from a \$100,000 relief fund.
- [The Photographer Fund](#) – A \$25,000 fund to help self-employed photographers facing hardship.
- [Canadian Cinema Worker Fund](#) – Fundraiser to create a fund for cinema workers who will not be compensated by their employers for the foreseeable future.
- [GTA Black Community Emergency Support Fund](#) – Artist-organized community fundraiser for Black people in the GTA, particularly those working in the gig economy.

Advocacy groups

- [I Lost My Gig Canada](#) – A space for arts and other vulnerable freelance and gig workers in Canada and beyond to share stories and resources addressing the impacts of COVID-19. Its full website launched March 20.
- [Canada Council for the Arts](#) – Canada's public arts funder.
- [The Canadian Freelance Union](#) – A community chapter of UNIFOR focused on advancing the rights of freelancers in communications and media industries.
- [CMG Freelance](#) – A branch of the Canadian Media Guild dedicated to supporting freelance workers.
- [S'ATTAQ](#) – A labour union for freelancers.
- [ACTRA](#) – Union of professional performers working in English-language

	National / provincial / municipal - Arts Funders and Councils	
<p>Department of Canadian Heritage</p>	<p>20 March update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID list of questions and resources re: grants <p>17 March update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Steven Guilbeault: We will keep dispersing grants and contributions to arts, culture and sports organizations, even in cases of cancelled events. The dispersed funds should be used to cover costs incurred and reasonable costs of cancellations up to the total amount of the grant or contribution. This includes lost income for affected artists and technicians.” 	<p>Web page</p> <p>Quill and Quire article</p>

<p>BC Arts Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 March update • Arts and culture groups in the Tri-Cities can now apply for a government "resilience supplement" to help pay the bills during the COVID-19 crisis. • Lisa Beare, B.C.'s minister of tourism, arts and culture, announced Supplements of up to \$15,000 will be available through a new \$3-million Arts and Culture Resilience Supplement fund. • Administered by the BC Arts Council, the money is targeted for operating and eligible project clients and provides a 50% advance on 2020-'21 funding. • Spring and Fall Operating Assistance clients will be receiving 50% of their last year's operating grant as an advance for the next intake cycle. • Arts and Culture Resilience Supplement: Operating Assistance clients and eligible project clients will receive a one-time supplement in early April in order to further support organizations during this unprecedented time. Organizations can choose how they spend the funding, guided by the principles of organizational sustainability and supporting the artists and arts and cultural workers you rely on. • This one-time grant will range (maximum \$15,000) depending on the size of your organization. • As well, the council will ease its requirements to help groups with their cash-flow crunches: Deadlines will be pushed for applications, reporting rules will be relaxed and organizations can use government grants to cover immediate operating needs. • The government says workers in the arts sector who have lost income because of COVID-19 are eligible to apply for a one-time payment of \$1,000 under the BC Emergency Benefit for Workers. Plan includes several actions that arts organizations are eligible for, such as delaying tax filing and payment deadlines. 	<p>Website</p>
<p>Alberta Foundation for the Arts</p>	<p>Updated 24 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General COVID information on this page 	

Saskatchewan Arts Board	<p>Updated 16 March</p> <p>For grant recipients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For specific questions and to advise the Saskatchewan Arts Board of concerns, please contact the Program Consultant assigned to your program. • If an organization decides to proceed with an event, it is important to communicate with audience members/participants. • Track Impact - consider spending the time now to track and document revenue loss. No emergency or supplemental funds are available from the Saskatchewan Arts Board to cover revenue losses or unanticipated expenses due to the COVID-19 outbreak. • Contingency plans - please consider contingency plans. In particular, note that artists and others depending on short-term contracts for their livelihood may be seriously affected by cancelled contracts. Consider inviting supporters to make a donation or ask audience members to make a donation in lieu of requesting refunds. • FAQ follows with scenarios 	Web page
Manitoba Arts Council	<p>Updated 23 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar FAQ to Council 	Web page
Ontario Arts Council	<p>Updated 23 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information and FAQ • As of right now, there are two recommendations that are especially relevant to the arts community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health recommends that large events and public gatherings of more than 250 people be suspended. Organizers of smaller events should consult with their local public health unit before proceeding. Health Canada offers guidance to help with assessing the risk when determining whether to cancel or postpone a mass gathering during the COVID-19 outbreak. ○ Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer advises all Canadians to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada. If proceeding with travel plans, be sure to consult the Global Affairs Canada website for their advisories. • list to other orgs and professional associations with statements 	Web page

<p>Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec</p>	<p>1 avril</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Le Devoir</i> - avances totaliseraient la somme de 36 millions, et constitueraient 50 % des subventions annuelles. Dans le cas des subventions accordées directement par le ministère de la Culture et des Communications, c'est le cas des musées par exemple, ces sommes représenteraient environ 25 % des prévisions annuelles. • Special emergency assistance in relation to a project that is currently supported by the CALQ and for which the arts organization or artist has an immediate need. • management of applications received by mail has been suspended • All requests regarding the evaluation scores will get responses at a later date. Priority going to processing of urgent requests for aid. • The Government of Québec is providing a temporary assistance program for workers <p>Updated 23 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of Monday, the CALQ will begin rolling out its pandemic plan with the announcement of the first emergency financial measures that we will immediately put in place to limit the impact of this situation on the artists and organizations we support • March 14: The Minister asks the promoters of all performance venues in Quebec to close their doors for a period of 30 days. • 12 mars: Organizations must cancel all indoor gatherings of more than 250 people for the next 30 days. • Q&A with scenarios 	<p>COVID web page Article dans le Devoir announcemnt</p>
<p>Arts Nova Scotia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very general information 	<p>Web page</p>

ArtsNB	<p>23 March update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to NB resources for artists including Council • Craft NB - Resources for Craft Organizations and Individuals in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic • Music NB - COVID-19: Info for Artists + Pros • ArtsLink NB - Lost income tracking spreadsheet • The AFC, the lifeline for Canada's entertainment industry - COVID-19 Guide • Association des théâtres francophones du Canada - COVID-19 (in French) <p>Updated 16 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General info - business as usual • Link to Council's info 	Web page
PEI Arts Grant program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to provincial government issued document 	Web page
ArtsNL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office closed • Extensive FAQ similar to Council's 	Web page
NWT Arts Council	Nothing yet	
Arts and Culture Yukon	Nothing yet	
Arts Govt of Nunavut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General health-related info 	
Ottawa Arts Council	<p>March 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent Response Funding for Artists and Arts Workers Aged 55+. \$50K anonymous donor (Performing Arts Lodge member) through Ottawa Community Foundation, Administered by Ottawa Arts Council. \$900 grants - April 3 deadline 	Web page

<p>Toronto Arts Council</p>	<p>March 26, 2020</p> <p>TO Artist COVID-19 Response Fund - announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fund is an emergency support program that will help Toronto artists who have lost income as a result of COVID-19 arts cancellations. 100% of funds go to artists • raised over \$500,000 from major donor and partner contributions. Estimated provisions for more than 500 artists; just a fraction of anticipated demand. • March 13, 2020: COVID-19 Update Toronto Arts Council urges producers postponing or cancelling events of more than 250 people to track impact • March 12, 2020: COVID-19 Statement for the Arts Community <i>Important</i> information for Toronto Arts Council grant recipients • Organizations or collectives may postpone or adjust projects affected by the COVID-19 outbreak without penalty from TAC. • Organizations receiving core funding will not be required to have replacement programming for events or activities that are delayed, changed or cancelled due to COVID-19. <p>Emergency funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAC does not have emergency funds available for organizations facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. • TAC will work with all levels of government to ensure that any emergency funding offered can be accessed by Toronto’s arts community. We will keep funded organizations apprised of opportunities to apply for financial relief. 	<p>Web page</p>
<p>Hamilton Arts Council</p>	<p>Hamilton Arts Council launches relief fund for artists during COVID-19 closures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artists can collect between \$100 and \$1,000 based on their needs and the funds will be distributed starting April 15. • To add more money into the fund, the council will host a live online video performance series with artists such as Terra Lightfoot. 	<p>Web page</p> <p>News article (April 3)</p>
<p>Calgary Arts Development</p>	<p>31 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have allocated \$950,000 of the total towards organizations. With \$200,000, we will support arts and cultural workers to help cover lost revenue and expenses. • March 25 - Calgary Arts Development announces \$1.1-million relief fund for arts groups hit hard by COVID-19 • Website to be updated by end of week 	<p>Web page (Mar 31)</p> <p>News article (Mar 31)</p> <p>News article (Mar 25)</p>

Vancouver city arts grants	<p>31 march</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> city council unanimously approved regularly scheduled cultural-grant funding for 2020. 	<p>News article Web page</p>
Penticton & District Community Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Penticton & District Community Arts Council has updated its "Arts Matter" program to support local artists now turning to digital and online content. Local artists are now invited to apply for the "Arts Matter Online" program. Video content must be family friendly, created by artists at their self-isolated location, and under 30 minutes in length. Digital downloadable material is also welcome. The PDCAC has also set up a COVID-19 arts fund through Canada Helps, asking anyone with the means to donate and support local artists. 	<p>Web page</p>
International		
News articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Wikipedia</i> - Impact of the 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic on the arts and cultural heritage (someone needs to add Canada) <i>Ocula, 2 April</i> - a summary of what countries are doing around the world to help artists and arts organizations during COVID <i>BYP Group, 21 March</i> - Government responses to the impact of COVID-19 on the arts and creative industries 	<p>Wikipedia web page Ocula News article BYP Group blog</p>
International arts news feeds / reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hyperallergic: An international daily report on how COVID-19 is impacting the art world. Artnews: An international daily report on how COVID-19 is impacting the art world. 	

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National Agency [News page](#) highlights posts from art agencies around the world

- [Australia](#)

ACORNS 397: Global responses to COVID-19 in the arts and culture sector

- In Singapore, the Parliamentary Secretary for Culture, Community and Youth has announced that [the government will allocate S\\$1.6 million for the arts and culture sector](#) to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. The National Arts Council of Singapore has also announced [two initiatives to support the arts community during COVID-19](#), including one-off funding for a Capability Development Scheme for the Arts (CDSA) to encourage upskilling and grow organisational capabilities; as well as a subsidy for venue hire at national cultural institutions for arts and culture activities.
- While in Hong Kong, the arts community is [collaborating to launch a community-led online platform](#) that will offer online viewing rooms for galleries, as well recorded and live-streamed exhibition walkthroughs.
- Meanwhile in the USA, the [Smithsonian has published an article](#) related to its current exhibition [Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World](#) that highlights the powerful role of museums to combat misinformation and make available information that demystifies the emergence and spread of new diseases.

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Arts Council England

Updated 24 March 2020

- **National Portfolio organizations:** £90 million available to NPOs. We hope organisations will use this funding to reboot their creative work, but we also understand it may be required to alleviate financial pressures on NPOs.
- **Orgs outside National Portfolio:** £50 million will be made available to organisations that are not in receipt of regular funding from the Arts Council. Organisations who have applied to National Lottery Project Grants are welcome to apply for this support.
- **Individuals:** artists, creative practitioners and freelancers - £20 million

Updated 15 March 2020

- Business as usual
- no government ordered bans on live events, sporting or music events, public meetings or any other gatherings

Here are our first steps to help people working as artists, freelancers and in publicly funded cultural organisations:

- We will refocus some grant programmes to help compensate individual artists and freelancers for lost earnings. This will require further planning. It may take about 10 days before we can announce the details.
- National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs) and Creative People and Places (CPPs) will continue to receive funding but funding conditions will not apply for at least three months with immediate effect. We can also advance grant payments to assist with cashflow.
- For NPOs and CPPs, the priority is staying in business. In exchange for our support we ask them to honour contracts agreed with freelancers and artists and to think about what help they can offer their communities.

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Government [action plan](#)

Email: Coronavirus-queries@artscouncil.org.uk

<p>Arts in Ireland</p>	<p>Update 16 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arts Council has said it will honour all existing funding commitments and allow grantees to draw down 90 percent of their funding to allow them fulfil in turn their own business commitments, especially to artists. • “There will be no financial penalties for organisations/individuals that are unable to deliver key activities/key services arising from the impact of the COVID-19 virus,” the Arts Council said. • Read more about this here. 	<p>Web page</p>
<p>Australian Arts Council</p>	<p>Updated 25 March 2020</p> <p>Australia plan and response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our 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. <p>Blog post: How artists can adapt to COVID-19</p> <p>Excerpts from CEO message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are identifying the actions we can take to provide flexibility for those who have received Australia Council funding for activities that have been compromised or can no longer take place due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This includes options to vary funding agreements, and delivery and reporting timeframes. We will be communicating directly with all of you in this situation. • Whole of economy measures announced last week in the Government’s \$17.6 billion package include cash flow assistance for small and medium businesses to support them continuing to pay employees, up to a maximum of \$25,000. This assistance will be available to eligible small and medium arts businesses. • Our number one priority for the next three months is to support people who work in the cultural and creative sectors, and to come out on the other side of this crisis with our sector able to resume activity. 	<p>Web page</p>

Creative New Zealand

Updated 24 March

- The initial \$16 million investment, with funding opening 14 April, will be distributed to the sector through to 30 June 2020 (end of Creative New Zealand's financial year). It includes \$4.5 million of new money announced on Friday plus \$11.5 million repurposed from other programmes. Phase two, which will provide support beyond June 2020, will be explored at the April Arts Council meeting.

Creative New Zealand's Emergency Response Package will initially have two components:

- Creative New Zealand is planning quick application turnarounds and rolling weekly decisions for both the Arts Continuity Grant and Emergency Relief Grant, but will monitor this commitment and the rapidly changing environment.
- **Resilience Grants** for eligible artists, arts practitioners, arts groups and arts organisations (non-investment clients) who we know are suffering, to help them recover, maintain and develop their practice in a completely changed environment. There are two opportunities:
 - **Arts Continuity Grant** (up to \$50k), supporting the creation of new work or the reframing of an existing project in light of COVID-19, including creative and professional development, promotion and distribution (eg, supporting new ways of working).
 - **Emergency Relief Grant** (up to \$10k per individual), for eligible artists and arts practitioners, collectives and groups who we know may be experiencing devastating loss of income and opportunity and an uncertain future, and who have applied for the announced government support. More details to come - applications will need to include details of the impact of COVID-19 on their arts practice.
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- Provide several scenarios for funded programs and for future applications
 - [Advice: funding for arts projects that include international travel](#)
 - [Existing funding for projects that include international travel](#)
 - [Funding applications](#)
 - [What we're doing internally at Creative New Zealand](#)
 - [Guidance around self-isolation/stand-down](#)
 - [International travel for Creative New Zealand staff](#)
 - [Events \(client meetings, supporting delegations, conferences,](#)

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Germany	€50 Billion aid package for artists and cultural businesses	News article
	United States	
National Endowment for the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General message from the Chair with an FAQ 	website
Americans for the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization closed, employees working from home • COVID impact survey: The survey will capture a broad spectrum of data and stories that will demonstrate how the arts and culture workers triumphed and survived this crisis as well as the effect of the outbreak on operations through cancelled events, lost wages, and additional expenses. We encourage you to share this survey with your communities. <p>Summary of US-based initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston establishes an artist relief fund. • Musicians Foundation is accepting aid applications. • Ijeoma Oluo has started a GoFundMe campaign to support artists in Seattle affected. • Rauschenberg announced an Medical Emergency grant program for artists. • The Columbus Foundation has launched a relief fund. Applications may be submitted that detail and document unexpected loss of revenue and/or unexpected increases in expenses directly related to the Coronavirus. • Springboard for the Arts has several resources and relief funds. • Art News reports that New York small art galleries and NPOs could be eligible for emergency funds. 	Web page
California Arts Council	<p>12 March 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release: Mass gatherings should be postponed or canceled statewide • Survey for those affected 	Web page
I care if you listen	<p>Updated 16 March 6 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Fund resource page compiling all the relief funds, mostly for musicians and performers 	Web page

New York Foundation for the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYFA: Emergency Grants Listings• Grantmakers in the Arts: COVID-19 and Arts Funding: Update and Action Items• CERF+ Responds to Coronavirus• Common Field: COVID-19 Resources for the Artist Organization Field• Freelance Artist Resources: COVID-19• Freelancers Union: What Freelancers Need to Know About Coronavirus• ArtsReady: Preparing for the Impact of the Coronavirus• New York State Council on the Arts: Resources for New York State Arts and Cultural Organizations re: Novel Coronavirus• Application Form: Seattle Artists Relief Fund	Web page