



Dear Artists & Arts Organizations,

On March 25th, the U.S. Senate approved a \$2.2 trillion emergency relief package designed to support the U.S. economy and provide critical investment in resources to help hospitals contend with the COVID-19 outbreak.

Within the bill is a \$75 million emergency appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts (of which 40% is directed to state and regional arts organizations) to help the agency address the serious impacts experienced within the arts community as a result of this crisis. There are other provisions within the bill that will benefit artists, both as individuals and as business owners, including credits of \$1,200 to most American adults and \$500 for most children, as well as loan forgiveness for organizations and businesses that retain workers and an expansion of unemployment benefits.

[This editorial on Artnet News](#) provides some specific details for us all in understanding how this may help each of us. It also succinctly addresses why it is important to support the cultural sector with the relief package. Many of us are employed in this sector, whether it be as an employee of a nonprofit organization or small business or a self-employed artist (writer, musician, dancer...etc). We were among the first to be impacted: asked to close our doors to crowds, to cancel our performances, etc. Do not let the political rhetoric get you down, instead be a positive force and be compassionate. As so many have said we are living in unprecedented circumstances.

To assess our local impact, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs has just shared a brief survey they are using to assess the damage and impact in their cultural sector. I am reviewing that document now and may be asking you to provide some data for our own, Martin County assessment. In the interim, I appeal to you to do the survey noted below with Americans for the Arts. Their dashboard can be sorted by zip code to get information for our community. It includes data for both organizations/businesses and individual artists.

These are trying times for all of us. PLEASE continue to share the amazing online resources you are creating so we can promote them and encourage families, near and far, to access them to decrease some of the stress, anxiety and boredom that is associated with our social distancing efforts and digital school/workplace initiatives. The power of the arts is so clearly evident in our nation as each of us personally does our part to stay safe and healthy from this virus. Thank you for all you do. Stay well.

-- Nancy



5-Minute Survey:

The Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on the Arts and Cultural Sector

Take Survey

State of Florida Business Damage Assessment Survey

NOTE: This Florida Business Damage Assessment Survey doesn't have a business type option for Arts and Cultural Organizations. Consider choosing "other" and then you have the opportunity to specify "arts and cultural non-profit" rather than be lumped in with entertainment.

Take Survey

Teaching & Learning Resources

- [Resources for Teaching Online: Open Source Resources for Performance-Related Disciplines \(Association for Theatre in Higher Education\)](#)
- [Teaching Remote Music Lessons: The Best Services and Settings to Use \(with step-by-step instructions\) \(Eric Heidbreder\)](#)
- [Video Library for Dance Educators](#)
- [Chorus Connection: Taking Your Choir Rehearsals Online](#)
- [Tutorial: Zoom for Choral Conductors \(Virtual Rehearsals\)](#)
- [How to Make a Virtual Choir](#)

Upcoming Workshops & Webinars

- [Coping with COVID: Livestreaming for Artists](#)
- [Coping with COVID: Financial Implications for Creative Individuals](#)
- [Art Law for Artists: Three-Part Online Workshop](#)
- [Come Together: The Art of Gathering in a Time of Crisis – #ArtistResource talk w/ Bryan Joseph Lee](#)
- [Social Media 101 for Nonprofits](#)
- [How to Bring Your Live or In-Person Events Online](#)
- [Mobile Marketing Tips for Every Generation](#)
- [It's a New World: How to Cultivate Your Online Community](#)

In need of financial relief or emergency funding because of lost wages during COVID-19? Find a list of resources [here](#).



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