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**ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FREE MONEY? FOCUS YOUR SEARCH ON GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Individuals, communities, nonprofit organizations, and businesses continue to feel the ever-increasing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help keep them afloat while dealing with diminished incomes and benefits, isolation away from friends, family, and colleagues, or facing an unknown future of returning to their previous careers or businesses, they can seek emergency financial assistance.

As the following selected links demonstrate, a variety of grantors are currently offering grants to assist in meeting financial challenges resulting in the continuing threat of COVID-19.

[Grantspace by Candid](https://grantspace.org/resources/knowledge-base/covid-19-emergency-financial-resources/#anchor2) provides a continually updated list of emergency financial resources including the following grant opportunities.

**For Individuals**

* The United Way, accessible at [www.211.org](http://www.211.org/) or by dialing 211, provides a [comprehensive list of available resources](https://www.211.org/services/covid19) to locate food banks, to help pay housing bills, and to access free childcare and other essential services available on local, national, and statewide bases.
* [Coronavirus Tax Relief: Economic Impact Payments](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments) is an IRS web page that lets non-filers enter payment information and others to check on the status of their stimulus payments.
* [Economic Impact Payments: What you need to know](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know) is a FAQ page created by the IRS to answer questions about stimulus payments.
* [Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund](https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/covid19faq) provides emergency funding for those employed by or own restaurants or bars facing unforeseen expenses not covered by insurance.
* [Americans for the Arts Coronavirus Resource and Response Center](https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/disaster-preparedness/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-and-response-center) includes a list of funding/grants resources.
* [COVID-19 Freelance Artists Resources](https://covid19freelanceartistresource.wordpress.com/) is an aggregated list of free resources, opportunities, and financial relief options available to artists of all disciplines.
* [Creative Capital Arts Resources During the COVID-19 Outbreak](https://creative-capital.org/2020/03/13/list-of-arts-resources-during-the-covid-19-outbreak/) is another list of financial resources for artists working in all disciplines.
* [Freelancers Relief Fund](https://www.freelancersunion.org/resources/freelancers-relief-fund/) grants financial assistance of up to $1,000 per freelance household to cover lost income and essential expenses not covered by government relief programs.
* [Student Relief Fund](https://www.studentrelieffund.org/for-students) lists resources for college students in need of support due to campus shutdowns caused by COVID-19.
* [Artist Relief](https://www.artistrelief.org/) lists grants for artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19 in the U.S.
* [Artist Relief Project](https://artistreliefproject.org/request_funding/) publicizes grants for any artist in any discipline whose income has been impacted by COVID-19-related cancellations and closures.
* [American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA) Relief Fund](https://agmarelief.org/) provides support and temporary financial assistance to members in need.
* [Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund for Musicians](https://equalsound.org/musicians-corona-relief-fund-application/) who have lost income due to a cancelled performance as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.
* [New Music Solidarity Fund](https://www.newmusicusa.org/content/solidarity-fund/) offers emergency funds to support freelance artists in the new/creative/improvised music community.
* [Dramatists Guild Foundation Emergency Grants](https://dgf.org/programs/grants/grants-for-writers/) provides emergency financial assistance to individual playwrights, composers, lyricists, and book writers in dire need of funds due to severe hardship or unexpected illness.

**For Communities**

# GrantWatch promotes an [Opportunity for USA Organizations to Raise Funds to Benefit  Communities Impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19)](https://www.grantwatch.com/grant/188951/opportunity-for-usa-organizations-to-raise-funds-to-benefit-communities-impacted-by-the-coronavirus-covid-.html).

# [Community Foundations Nationwide Launch Coronavirus Relief Efforts](https://www.commfoundations.com/blog/2020/3/11/community-foundations-nationwide-launch-efforts-to-help-communities-affected-by-the-coronavirus) is a full listing of more than 500 U.S. community foundations in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, that support those affected by COVID-19—directing critical relief to local nonprofits and partnering with local governments and health organizations to help contain its spread.

**For Small Businesses**

* [Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Loans](https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19) provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue.
* [SBA Paycheck Protection Program](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp) - An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis.
* [GoFundMe Small Business Relief Fund](https://support.gofundme.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=360000765092) helps small businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and empower their communities to rally behind them. GoFundMe has partnered with Yelp, Intuit QuickBooks, GoDaddy, and Bill.com to provide small business owners with the financial support and resources needed to continue running their businesses during and after the coronavirus crisis.
* [Facebook Small Business Grants Program](https://www.facebook.com/business/grants?content_id=KKf6RWdyo87L7QO) - Facebook is offering $100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where it operates.
* [Financial Assistance for Small Business](https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/article/financial-assistance-small-business) is a list of programs providing financial assistance to small businesses compiled by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.
* [Opportunity Fund Small Business Relief Fund](https://www.opportunityfund.org/assistance-for-small-business-owners-affected-by-covid-19/)  supports eligible small businesses, especially those run by women, people of color, and immigrants, impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

**For Nonprofits**

* [Funding for Coronavirus (COVID-19)](https://candid.org/explore-issues/coronavirus)  shares information about philanthropy's response to the pandemic
* [CARES Act: How to Apply for Nonprofit Relief Funds](https://independentsector.org/resource/caresact/)  is a guide created by Independent Sector.
* [Loans Available for Nonprofits in the CARES Act](https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/sites/default/files/documents/cares-act-loan-options-for-nonprofits.pdf) is a chart from the National Council of Nonprofits providing details on loan options, eligibility criteria, terms, and application information.
* [State Public Policy Resources on COVID-19](https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/trends-policy-issues/state-public-policy-resources-covid-19)  is the National Council of Nonprofits page for nonprofit-specific materials from state officials and useful resources on what states are doing in response to COVID-19.
* [Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants & Refugees COVID-19 Resources](https://www.gcir.org/covid19) is an aggregated list of resources for nonprofits working with immigrants & refugees.

In general, grant opportunities and corresponding applications adhere to strictly announced deadlines and requirements so potential grantees need to submit proposals on time and meet the specific provisions outlined in each grant’s description. At [InsureYouKnow.org](https://www.insureyouknow.org/), you can save your documents and files relating to grant applications and set up reminders to alert you to keep track of timelines for submitting grant applications and to check on grants awarded.

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