



Resources: Covid-19 stimulus – 10 pgs. –

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We hope this comprehensive list helps you! FYI, New stimulus funds were recently approved by the Senate. If they become available, they will be added to this resource list. If you have registered to receive this list, you'll be notified with updates. If not registered, you can [register here](#).

NEW UPDATE: 4/22/20:

1. [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\) program](#) helps unemployed Californians who are business owners, self-employed, independent contractors, have limited work history, and others not usually eligible for regular state UI benefits who are out of business or services are significantly reduced as a direct result of the pandemic. >APPLICATIONS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE AVAILABLE BY APRIL 28TH.
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GENERAL INFO

2. [Business size standards tool](#) (to qualify for other grants noted below):
3. [Government grants](#) need to sign up for workspace w/ govt. and have DUNS number ready.
4. [Government loans](#). This loan advance will not have to be repaid in some cases.
5. [disaster assistance from the SBA](#)

BUSINESSES/CONTRACTORS

6. [Independent contractors, businesses -how much you get](#)
7. <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/grants>

8. [Emergency Funds for Freelancers, Creatives Losing Income During Coronavirus](#)
9. [facebook business grants](#)
10. [Working Solutions Resource Page](#)

>ALSO SEE PUA LINK ABOVE ON 4/22/20 UPDATE

CITY OF OAKLAND GRANTS, LOANS, FOOD

11. Oakland Small Business Emergency Grant Program. **No More Grants offered**

“The demand for this grant program has been overwhelming, with 1,125 applications received in just five days. We are prioritizing serving extremely low-income small business owners, and we are only able to award 90 grants at this time given the available funding.” *They will consider future grants if other funds are provided to them.*

12. City of Oakland Resource Page (Note: If you fill out the business intake survey on the website, a City staff member will call to assist you.)

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/coronavirus-2019-covid-19-business-and-worker-resources>

13. SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Advance.

<https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>. The advance, \$1,000 for each employee (including yourself as the owner) up to \$10,000, is the fastest way to get quick financial support. If you decide not to take the loan or are declined, you keep the cash advance as a grant. The application takes less than 20 minutes. Apply at

List below from City of Oakland : <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/resources-for-oakland-artists-and-nonprofit-arts-organizations>

14. Actors Fund Entertainment Assistance Program

Who it serves: Any performing arts or entertainment professional may call on the Entertainment Assistance Program for support, information or referrals to community agencies.

Where to apply: <http://www.actorsfund.org/am-i-eligible-help>

15. California Jazz Foundation

Who it serves: Financial assistance and emergency medical referrals are offered to jazz musicians and others who have made substantial contributions to the art

form.

Where to apply: <https://californiajazzfoundation.org/index.htm>

16. Dramatists Guild Foundation Emergency Grants

Who it serves: Emergency financial assistance to individual playwrights, composers, lyricists, and book writers in dire need of funds due to severe hardship or unexpected illness.

Where to apply: <https://dgf.org/programs/grants/grants-for-writers/>

17. Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund

Who it serves: Musicians who have lost income due to a canceled gig as a result of the COVID-19

Where to apply: <https://equalsound.org/musicians-corona-relief-fund-application/>

18. Jazz Foundation of America

Who it serves: Jazz and blues musicians requiring emergency assistance and social services.

Learn more: <http://www.jazzfoundation.org/what-we-do/housing-and-emergency-assistance> or email info@jazzfoundation.org

19. MusiCares Emergency Financial Assistance

Who it serves: Provides assistance to musicians including musical instrument replacement for musicians affected by disasters.

Learn more: <http://www.grammy.org/musicares>

20. Musicians Foundation

Who it serves: Emergency grants (like medical care or personal or family crisis) for working musicians in the United States for the last five years.

Learn more: <http://www.musiciansfoundation.org/get-support/eligibility/>

21. Sweet Relief Musicians Fund

Who it serves: Performing arts workers who are facing a loss of income due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Learn more: <https://www.sweetrelief.org/request-assistance.html>

22. Theatre Bay Area - Performing Arts Worker Relief Fund

Who it serves: Financial assistance to all styles of career musicians who demonstrate need.

Learn more: <https://www.theatrebayarea.org/general/custom.asp?page=COVID-19relief->

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23. The SF Bay Area Queer Nightlife Fund

Who it serves: Funds for workers in the queer nightlife scene (such as dancers, drag queens, DJs, musicians, and bartenders) experiencing financial hardship can apply for help with food, rent, PG&E, phone, internet and medical expenses.

Learn more: <https://sfqueernightlifefund.org/>

Visual/Media Arts

24. Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant

Who it serves: Artists working in the disciplines of painting, sculpture or printmaking, who can demonstrate a minimum involvement of ten years in a mature phase of his or her work, whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation.

Where to apply: <https://www.gottliebfoundation.org/emergency-grant/>

25. Alliance of Artists Communities Emergency Relief Programs

Who it serves: Their Emergency Funds for Individual Artists Participating in Residencies supports painters and sculptors to participate in artists' residencies for which they have already been accepted and scheduled, but who would not otherwise be able to participate due to a sudden change in circumstances.

Where to apply: <http://www.artistcommunities.org/emergency-relief-programs>

26. Artists Fellowship Financial Assistance

Who it serves: Provides emergency aid to professional fine (visual) artists and their families in times of sickness, natural disaster, bereavement or unexpected extreme hardship. "Professional" is defined as those who make the creative arts as their livelihood as painters, sculptors, or art photographers through sales as reported on a Schedule C with Federal tax returns.

Where to apply: <http://www.artistsfellowship.com/financial.html>

27. Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+) - Emergency Assistance

Who it serves: CERF+ emergency assistance includes grants and/or brokered assistance, such as booth fee waivers and discounts or donations on supplies and equipment.

Where to apply: <https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/>

28. CERF+ Artist “Get Ready” Grants

Who it serves: Provides funding for artists working in craft disciplines (such as woodworkers, fiber artists, metalsmiths, glass potters, furniture makers, cultural-based craft, or alternative craft) to conduct activities that will help safeguard their studios, protect their careers and implement other safety measures to help artists build and sustain strong and resilient careers. The applicant must be a legal U.S. resident.

Where to apply: <https://cerfplus.org/get-ready/get-ready-grants/>

29. Foundation for Contemporary Art – Emergency Grants

Who it serves: Fund to meet the needs of experimental artists who have been impacted by the economic fallout from postponed or canceled performances and exhibitions.

Where to

apply: <https://foundationforcontemporaryarts.submittable.com/submit>

30. Joan Mitchell Foundation - Emergency Grant Program

Who it serves: U.S.-based visual artists working in the mediums of painting, sculpture, and/or drawing who have suffered significant losses after natural or man-made disasters that have affected their community.

Where to apply: <http://joanmitchellfoundation.org/artist-programs/artist-grants/emergency>

31. Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant

Who it serves: Painters, artists and sculptors who work on paper, including printmakers, with demonstrable financial need.

Where to apply: <http://pkf.org/apply/>

32. Rauschenberg Emergency Grants Program

Who it serves: New emergency grant program that will provide visual and media artists and choreographers with one-time grants of up to \$5,000 for medical emergencies including but not limited to: hospital and doctor bills (including insurance co-pays), tests, physical/occupational therapy, prescription drugs specifically for the emergency medical condition, and emergency dental work. There is no deadline; applications will be accepted and reviewed by the panel on a monthly basis **beginning in late May/early June 2020.**

Where to apply: <https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/Rauschenberg-Emergency-Grants>

Freelance Artists Resources

33. [Free resources, opportunities, and financial relief options available to artists of all disciplines.](#)

Multi-Discipline Resources

34. [Americans for the Arts](#)

35. Artists Now

Who it serves: Artists Now will deliver financial support to Bay Area artists directly affected by the economic challenges caused by COVID-19. A \$500 award will go directly to eligible female, POC, or LGBTQIA+ artists that are nearing a food or housing crisis.

Where to

apply: https://www.artistsnow.us/?mc_cid=c096749bb8&mc_eid=51197da141

36. Artist Relief

Who it serves: A \$10 million Artist Relief Fund emergency fund. The \$5,000 no-strings-attached grants are intended for anyone who earns income from their creative or artistic practice and who has also been affected by COVID-19.

Where to apply: <https://www.artistrelief.org/>

37. Artists At Risk Connection (ARC)

Who it serves: A global directory of resources to help artists. ARC's definition of "artist" is inclusive. They serve visual artists, musicians, filmmakers, performance artists, writers, and other individuals who produce significant creative output in any medium.

Where to apply: <https://artistsatriskconnection.org/story/covid-19-resources-for-artists>

38. [National Coalition for the Arts' Preparedness and Emergency Response](#) (NCAPER)

39. The Safety Net Fund

Who it serves: The Safety Net Fund is a non-profit designed to help support artists in the Bay Area during the COVID-19 crisis. The fund is made possible through a fiscal sponsorship from the California Intersection for the Arts (The Intersection).

Where to apply: <https://medium.com/@safetynet/the-safety-net-fund-20040273d291>

40. UNTITLED, ART Emergency Fund for the Arts

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Nonprofit Resources

41. Arts Loan Fund

Who it serves: Emergency Loan will support arts and culture nonprofits and fiscally sponsored organizations in the eleven Bay Area counties. Organizations can apply for these low-interest loans to cover basic expenses such as staff salaries, artist payments, rent and other operating costs during this challenging time.

Where to apply: <https://www.artsloanfund.org/>

42. American Institute for Conservation for Historic and Artistic Works

Who it serves: The Institute's National Heritage Responders respond to the needs of cultural institutions during emergencies and disasters through coordinated efforts with first responders, state agencies, vendors and the public.

Where to apply: <http://www.conservation-us.org/emergencies/national-heritage-responders#.WfNdkXZrzIU>

43. East Bay Community Foundation - A Just East Bay Respond Fund

Who it serves: Resources to organizations with programming that supports the arts, education, health, housing, civic engagement, youth, economic development, and other vital community services.

Where to apply: <https://www.ebcf.org/covid-19-fund/Grantmakers in the Arts>

44. San Francisco Foundation – Emergency Funds for Nonprofits

Who it serves: A limited number of one-time grants (\$3,000 – \$25,000) to nonprofits addressing the following four issue areas, described in greater detail below: racial bias, worker protection, homelessness and renter protection/housing security, and food security.

Where to apply: <https://sff.org/for-nonprofits-apply-for-a-grant-from-the-sff-covid-19-emergency-response-fund/>

Teaching Artists Resources

45. [COVID-19 Resources for Teaching Artists](#)

46. [Grantmakers in the Arts](#)

Government Agencies

47. National Endowment for the Arts

Who it serves: Funds to nonprofit arts organizations across the country to help these entities and their employees endure the economic hardships caused by the forced closure of their operations due to the spread of COVID-19

Where to apply: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/CARES/grant-program-description>

48. National Endowment for the Humanities

Who it serves: I. Eligible cultural organizations and humanists affected by the coronavirus seeking funding II. Applicants for regular FY20 NEH funding opportunities III. Current NEH grant and cooperative agreement recipients seeking administrative flexibilities and supplemental funding

Where to apply: https://www.neh.gov/COVID19_FAQs

49. [California Arts Council](#)

EMPLOYEES

50. unemployment disaster relief: <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp>

51. [career & job search info:](https://www.careeronestop.org/) <https://www.careeronestop.org/>

52. employees and employers benefits from EDD:

https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/faqs.htm#UIBenefits

OAKLAND SPECIFIC: WORKER BENEFITS, SUPPORT, SICK LEAVE

53. [Resources for Workers](#) page from The City of Oakland - information on unemployment insurance, sick leave, housing, and more.

54. [Artists and non profit arts organizations](#)- city of Oakland grant opportunities and financial assistance.

55. [Alameda County Public Health Department one pager](#) to help workers apply for health insurance and unemployment.

56. onwardca.org- online clearing house for job postings

4/15/20: notice: Starting last Friday and through Wednesday of this week, IRS is transferring stimulus payments to the bank accounts it already has on file for previous tax filers. CNBC posted a helpful article providing clarity about the [incoming stimulus checks](#) and what you can expect.

OTHER INFORMATION

57. [Personal Expenses Relief](#)

58. Many **auto insurance** companies are reducing fees by approx. 20%

59. Several states **suspending evictions of renters** during shutdown

60. **PG&E, phone and internet** will not cancel if you've been paying bills (for AT&T, Comcast, Google Fiber and Verizon)

61. 0% interest for federal **student loans** for at least 60 days. DOE has also announced that federal student loan borrowers can suspend their payments for up to two months.

62. You now have until July 15 to **file your federal tax** returns without penalty

63. Some **banks, credit cards** waiving fees. For example, Wells Fargo encourages customers to reach out for assistance based on their individual needs. You can ask about:

- a. Fee waivers, like late payments, overdraft and minimum balance fees, payment deferrals in case you can't make your payment this month and don't want to face extra charges, and
- b. increasing your credit card limit.

64. **call 2-1-1** where you live and you'll get matched up with resources based on your needs, like help paying bills or money for groceries.

65. [Covid 19 Related Delinquent Property Tax Penalty & Interest Waiver Policy](#) from the Alameda County Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

66. [Alameda County Food Bank](#) has launched a helpline for free food access, and [OUSD](#) is offering free food for students and families during the shelter-in-place period. (source: Councilwoman Lynette Gibson McElhaney)
67. [Street closures](#) to make it safer for walking at a distance from others, for health not funding.
68. **ARTICLE ON LEGAL SITE ABT THE CARES ACT:**
<https://www.brothersmithlaw.com/publications/the-cares-act-employee-retention-credit-and-employer-payroll-tax-deferral/>
69. Need help with a business pivot – tactics, ideas and resources to stay in business or find new income streams? Check out our [“Business Pivot Walks”](#)
70. If you have a new offer that helps people (not something you’re selling- that’s an ad!), notify the press. Here’s our blog post with [media tips](#). Here’s an article on the proper way to [contact the media](#).
71. Most importantly, take care of yourself! Psychologists are reporting that people feel confused, anxious and fearful during this shutdown period from the horrible coronavirus pandemic. Recommendations include staying on a routine: sleeping normal hours, eating well, asking for help when you need it, and getting exercise. You can still take walks wearing a mask and keeping socially distant. Here’s an interesting [article from the New York Times](#) found on our “walks with bliss” service pages.
72. [Contact us](#) if you still cannot find help and we’ll ask around for you! **510-879-7600.**

INVITATION

If you offer something that helps businesses specifically during our shutdown, [let us know](#) and we’ll consider adding it to this list if it’s not just an ad for your business!!!