

Resources for Fort Collins Artists & Creative Business - COVID-19

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1. COVID-19 INFORMATION

- CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- Larimer County Health Department
 1. <https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19>
- City of Fort Collins - <https://www.fcgov.com/>

2. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

- National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness & Emergency Response
- Americans for the Arts
<https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/disaster-preparedness/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-and-response-center>
- Ready.gov <https://www.ready.gov/pandemic>
- Arts Preparedness <https://www.ncaper.org/>

3. GENERAL BUSINESS / PERSONAL

- Food Bank of Larimer County - <https://foodbanklarimer.org/>
- City of Fort Collins Economic Health - <https://www.fcgov.com/business/>
- Small Business Association \$900 Million in loans for small businesses, arts businesses may not qualify.
<https://pikespeaksbdc.org/what-we-do/programs/disaster-relief/>
- Larimer SBDC <https://larimersbdc.org/local-resources-other-resources/>
- Non Profit Organizations <https://read.poudrelibraries.org/nonprofits/>

4. CREATIVE BUSINESS/ GENERAL ARTS

- Colorado Creative Industries -
<https://coloradocreativeindustries.org/resources-to-support-the-arts-during-coronavirus/>
- Colorado Business Committee for the Arts -
<https://cbca.org/2020/03/resources-to-support-the-arts-during-coronavirus/>
- City of Fort Collins Economic Health <https://www.fcgov.com/business/>
- ArtsReady <https://www.artsready.org/>
- CERF+ Artists Safety Net
 1. COVID-19 program focus on artists who have the virus
- Grantmakers in the Arts
<https://www.giarts.org/blog/admin/covid-19-coronavirus-and-arts-funding-update-and-action-items>

- Bonfils-Stanton Responds to COVID-19: Resources for Arts and Culture - <https://bonfils-stantonfoundation.org/emergency-covid-19-fund/>
- Alliance for Artists Communities <https://www.artistcommunities.org/emergency-relief-programs>
- The Actors Fund - Provides a list of health insurance for artists in all disciplines - www.actorsfund.org/ahirc/
- The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) - Offers lists of emergency funds for artists in a variety of disciplines affected by recent natural disasters. <https://current.nyfa.org/post/612485365185560576/covid-19-resources-and-updates-from-nyfa>
- Musicians Mental Health Meetup and In Tune events locally: <https://www.musicmindsmatter.org/>
- Petition to help artists: <https://www.change.org/p/spotify-spotify-applemusic-et-al-donate-to-music-ares-relief-fund-now>
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5. Tools:

- **General:**
 1. COLORADO Artists skills list: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbXhJEynaXK0vd_WBaU-nEXe2bYrd-vSDU9JBLA9KTTImfkw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR377dcQ8s4ivKE13xdMXjeO8k5-CAWermQmQouhur-KQB_mhhftYF3yzl
 2. Impact Survey - Americans for the Arts <https://surveys.americansforthearts.org/s3/CoronavirusImpactSurvey>
 3. Loss Calculator Tool - from Performing Arts Readiness <https://performingartsreadiness.org/loss-of-income-calculator/>
 4. Patron Account to allow people to donate to you- <https://www.patreon.com/>
- **Event/Festivals digital:**
 1. Stay At Home Fest - Calendar and Festivals Online <https://www.stayathomefest.com/>
 2. COVID-19: Everything is on Fire – US CONCERT CANCELLATIONS - live document of all of the US concert cancellations due to COVID-19 <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uGw6if6VIFtu6p3IL5kiKc>

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○ **Live Streaming:**

1. Article on different live streaming options:
 1. <https://blog.discmakers.com/2018/02/broadcasting-live-gigs-platforms-for-music-broadcasts/>
 2. (Platforms evaluated: Facebook Live, Periscope, YouTube, YouNow, ConcertWindow, Stagelt, and Gige)
 2. Live streaming for concerts, patrons can watch and musicians get the proceeds - <https://www.museperformancespace.com/>
 3. Stage It (online pay to watch concert venue)
<https://www.stageit.com/site/landing>
 4. <https://www.howlive.tv/>
 5. Twitch TV
 6. Periscope
 7. Facebook Live
 8. Timbre Streaming- <https://www.facebook.com/streaminghome/>
 9. LOCAL - Fort Collins
 1. The Quarantine Sessions - NoCo (Music District)
<https://www.facebook.com/quarantinesessionsnoco/>
 2. Red Couch Sessions At Forge
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2760115477413814/>
 3. Quartantunes
 4. <https://www.facebook.com/Quarantunes/>
 5. NoCo Live From Home Show
<https://www.facebook.com/nocolivefromhomeshow/>
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1. MUSIC

1. MusiCares
 1. <https://www.grammy.com/musicares/get-help/musicares-coronaviruss-relief-fund>
2. Sweet Relief Musicians Fund - www.sweetrelief.org
 1. Provides financial assistance to all types of career musicians who are facing illness, disability, or age-related problems. The applicant must be a musician who has regular public performances, or performed on at least three widely released recordings (audio or audiovisual), or written music that has been performed on three widely released recordings, or published on three occasions.

3. Music Maker Relief Foundation - www.musicmaker.org
 1. Helps the pioneers and forgotten heroes of Southern musical traditions gain recognition and meet their day to day needs. Criteria for recipients is they be rooted in a Southern musical tradition, be 55 years or older and have an annual income less than \$18,000. Musician Sustenance – Grants for necessities such as food, medical needs, housing. Emergency Relief – Substantial one-time grants to recipients in crisis (medical, fire, theft, etc.).
4. Musicians Foundation - <http://www.musiciansfoundation.org/apply/>
 1. Helps professional musicians who have worked five or more years in the U.S. by providing emergency financial assistance in meeting current living, medical and allied expenses. Applicants must be able to show that their music is or was their primary source of income.
5. Jazz Musicians Emergency Fund - <https://jazzfoundation.org/housing-emergency-assistance/>
 1. Disaster relief, pro bono medical, housing & emergency assistance - The JMEF is committed to helping jazz professionals, especially older musicians, overcome their hard times and to help them get back on their feet, making emergency funds available for immediate needs. They have programs for housing and emergency assistance, a network of pro bono medical care providers, and disaster relief.
6. Opry Trust Fund (For country musicians only) <http://www.opry.com/opry-trust-fund/>
7. AGMA - <https://www.musicalartists.org/membership/agma-relief-fund/>
8. Backline -- <https://www.facebook.com/backlinecare/> a hub for music industry professionals and their families to quickly and easily access mental health and wellness resources. They have been hosting virtual support groups for professionals trying to deal with the COVID-19 crisis.
9. COVID-19 Music Production Response Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2396222610479031/>
10. Live music covid response strategic workgroup <https://www.facebook.com/groups/546015249374282/permalink/546035239372283/>

2. PERFORMING ARTS

1. The Actors Fund - <https://actorsfund.org/am-i-eligible-help>
 1. Mostly disaster assistance, but Actors Fund contracts with employers and unions around the country

2. Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants Program - <https://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grants/emergency-grants>
 1. Created in 1993 to further FCA's mission to encourage, sponsor, and promote work of a contemporary, experimental nature, Emergency Grants provide urgent funding for visual and performing artists. Emergency Grants is the only active, multi-disciplinary program that offers immediate assistance of this kind to artists living and working anywhere in the United States, for projects occurring in the U.S. and abroad.
3. Colorado Artist COVID-19 Resources and Support Group (Facebook) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/141179473882984/?ref=share>
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3. VISUAL ARTS

1. Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants Program - <https://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grants/emergency-grants>
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2. American Society of Journalists & Authors Writers Emergency Assistance Fund - <http://www.asja.org/for-writers/weaf/>
 1. Helping established freelance writers across the country who, because of advanced age, illness, disability, a natural disaster, or an extraordinary professional crisis, are unable to work. Membership in ASJA not required. No grants to beginning freelancers seeking funding for writing projects; no grants to fund works-in-progress of any kind. Maximum grant: \$3,500.
3. Artists Fellowship - <https://www.artistsfellowship.org/financial-aid>
 1. The Artists' Fellowship provides emergency aid to professional fine artists and their families in times of sickness, natural disaster, bereavement or unexpected extreme hardship. Primarily serving artists in New York. They provide a list of Emergency Aid granting programs at:
4. CERF + (Formerly the Craft Emergency Relief Fund) - <https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/>
 1. CERF+ serves artists who work in craft disciplines by providing a safety net to support strong and sustainable careers. CERF+'s core services are education programs, advocacy, network building and

emergency relief. CERF+ is currently focusing its relief aid on those infected with Covid-19 who require intensive medical care.

5. The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation -

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

1. The Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant program is intended to provide interim financial assistance to qualified painters, printmakers, and sculptors whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation.

6. Colorado Artist COVID-19 Resources and Support Group (Facebook)

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4. LITERARY ARTS

1. Carnegie Fund for Authors -

<https://www.carnegiefundforauthors.org/grant-eligibility>

1. American authors who has published at least one full-length work — fiction or nonfiction — that has been published by a mainstream publisher. Applicants cannot have eligibility determined by a work that they paid to have published. A work may have been published in eBook format only, or in hardcover or softcover format, or in more than one format.
2. Emergency: illness or some other urgent need such as fire, flood, hurricane, etc.

2. Authors League Fund - <https://authorsleaguefund.org/apply/>

1. The Fund gives open-ended, interest-free, no-strings-attached loans to professional writers and dramatists who find themselves in financial need because of medical or health-related problems, temporary loss of income or other misfortune.

3. The PEN Writers Fund - <http://www.pen.org/writers-emergency-fund>

1. Emergency fund for professional—published or produced—writers with serious financial difficulties. Depending on the situation, the fund gives grants or loans of up to \$2,000.

4. Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America -

<http://www.sfwa.org/about/benevolent-funds/emergency-medical-fund/>

1. Offers interest-free loans to members facing unexpected medical expenses.

5. American Society of Journalists & Authors Writers Emergency Assistance

Fund - <http://www.asja.org/for-writers/weaf/>

1. Helping established freelance writers across the country who, because of advanced age, illness, disability, a natural disaster, or an extraordinary professional crisis, are unable to work. Membership in ASJA not required. No grants to beginning freelancers seeking funding for writing projects; no grants to fund works-in-progress of any kind. Maximum grant: \$3,500.

5. NON-SPECIFIC ARTS & EVENT

1. Freelance Artists Resource Webpage:
<https://covid19freelanceartistresource.wordpress.com/>
2. **Facebook Group: Event Ops Collective (EOC)**
 1. Event Ops Collective (EOC) aims to streamline the concert and festival staffing process by connecting those doing the hiring (promoters, staffing coordinators, contractors, vendors, etc.) with seasoned professionals in the live events space. The goal is to create a place where event operations personnel can come together to collaborate, ask questions, make contacts, and of course, FIND WORK!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/923445411153528/>

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