



## North Carolina Arts Council

*Fifty years of leadership*

### The Arts in North Carolina and COVID-19

Even though participation in the arts has been greatly disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, and artists and arts organizations severely impacted, our network across North Carolina is responding in a myriad of creative ways that demonstrate the power of the arts to connect, cope, and heal. We at the North Carolina Arts Council want to do our part to call attention to important action items and resources that will benefit the state's arts industry. For further information visit (<https://www.ncarts.org/arts-north-carolina-and-covid-19>).

North Carolina Artist Relief Fund  
Location: North Carolina

This fund has been created to support creative individuals who have been financially impacted by gig cancellations due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Artists and arts presenters in North Carolina can apply for emergency funding. Apply at this link (<https://vaeraleigh.org/artist-relief-fund>).



### COVID-19 and the arts in South Carolina

As with the rest of state government, the South Carolina Arts Commission remains open and serving our constituents. Our team continues working diligently to respond to your needs. During this time, the best way to reach us is via email. We will resume in-person business as soon as state/local authorities and public health experts deem it safe to do so. For further info visit (<https://www.southcarolinaarts.com/covid-19-response/>).



### CERF+ Emergency Relief Fund

Artists who have suffered from a recent, career threatening emergency, such as an illness, accident, fire or natural disaster, can apply for funding.

CERF+ also has a list of resources (<https://cerfplus.org/coronavirus/>) centered around the pandemic.

For more information visit (<https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/>).



The National Endowment for the Arts is open for business. Our staff, while working remotely for the next several weeks, is available to you via phone or email, as usual. We look forward to receiving and reviewing our next round of grant applications in the coming weeks. We're also evaluating our grant application deadlines and may adjust them to help applicants dealing with the effects of COVID-19.

We know that there are more than five million Americans who make their livelihoods in the broader arts and cultural sector across the country and are potentially at risk. We also know that the arts provide comfort, resilience, wisdom, and the means for self-expression and connection, perhaps even more so during challenging times such as these.

We have FAQs and relief resources and opportunities related to COVID-19 available on our website at (<https://www.arts.gov/covid-19-resources-for-artists-and-arts-organizations>), and we will continue to update these sections with new information as it becomes available.