

# A Word from Byrdcliffe:

3/27/2020

Hello members, volunteers, supporters and, of course, artists.

The staff and board hopes this message finds you well, healthy, and safe.

As noted last week, in response to COVID-19 coronavirus, we have canceled public hours at our Tinker Street complex, postponed public events and gatherings, and are working toward making adjustments for our classes, Artist in Residence program, and other activities at the colony. Our staff has made the adjustment to working remotely, and our full-time colony residents and retail locations are complying with county and state mandated 10-Point Plan and social distancing.

“Social distancing.” A new term during a challenging time. While we support the need for all of us to take what steps we can to minimize virus transmission, and to protect those who are most vulnerable, including older adults, those with chronic medical conditions or who are immunocompromised, we are still part of a community and a family. Now, more than ever, we are in this together and thank you for your support, collaboration, and involvement.

During such uncertain times, it is always our creators: artists of every experience; painters, writers, choreographers, sculptors, weavers, musicians, performers, filmmakers, entertainers, poets, ceramicists, metal-workers—and all the other dreamers and those that appreciate the dreams- to come together to express a feeling and to narrate an experience.

If nothing else, a lot of creative material will come from our collective experience and our need to express it. As always, the Byrdcliffe community supports you!

In addition to our collective support, we want to make sure that any local resources available are communicated to you as quickly as possible. If there is an opportunity for you to OFFER assistance or ASK for assistance, Byrdcliffe wants to make sure to keep you connected.

We hope that our growing list of resources can provide you much needed connection to your community and opportunities to give or get help.

So while our doors may be closed, please note that our hearts are wide open.

Thank you again for your ongoing support! We all look forward to welcoming you back soon.

*-Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild*

# Collective Resource List

*Please note that these resources have been shared from a variety of sources. Other than sharing this list, we cannot provide any other assistance with the links provided or whether or not these services are still available when you inquire.*

## RESOURCES FOR ULSTER COUNTY

- UC COVID-19 Resources: <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/>
- UCRCOG COVID-19 Resources: <https://www.ulsterchamber.org/covid-19-resources/>
- UC Economic Development: 845-340-3556
- UC COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888
- UC United Way (helping/volunteering) - <https://www.ulsterunitedway.org/helping-during-covid-19-crisis/>
- People's Place: <https://www.peoplesplaceuc.org/>
- NYS Department of Health: Hotline: 1-888-364 3065
- Website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- NYS DOH Updates <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>  
Ulster County <https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>
- Community Food Resources: [https://kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8463/13525/Community\\_Food\\_resources.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2DMrccGhGnHfy5quxM3aJe\\_W-KO1Gupmzin4xFXOOPh\\_OhWs1iAix6Tv8](https://kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8463/13525/Community_Food_resources.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2DMrccGhGnHfy5quxM3aJe_W-KO1Gupmzin4xFXOOPh_OhWs1iAix6Tv8)

## RESOURCES FOR ARTISTS

- Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant

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

Intended to provide interim financial assistance to qualified artists whose needs are the result of an unforeseen, catastrophic incident, and who lack the resources to meet that situation. The maximum amount of this grant is \$15,000; an award of \$5,000 is typical.

- CERF+ (Craft Emergency Relief Fund) <https://cerfplus.org/>

CERF+ provides rapid relief and career recovery loans through their own grants

(for artists working in craft disciplines) as well as a list of emergency resources for artists in other disciplines. Additionally, CERF+ just launched the COVID-19 Response Fund to support artists working in craft disciplines. "This fund is essential to our rapid and effective response to those artists who are suffering severe health impacts from the coronavirus, ensuring that CERF+ has the funds necessary to respond to this unprecedented crisis," said CERF in an email release.

- Artists Charitable Fund <http://artistscharitablefund.org/index.html> Colorado-based Artists' Charitable Fund assists American visual fine artists (painters and sculptors) living anywhere in the United States by paying a portion of their medical/dental/eye-care bills. For example, the Fund has purchased a wheelchair, paid for eye surgery, provided funding for an artificial leg, paid partial medical expenses of several artists who have cancer, as well as other needs for medical assistance.

- Artists Fellowship, Inc. <https://www.artistsfellowship.org/> The Artists' Fellowship provides emergency aid to professional fine artists and their families in times of sickness, natural disaster, bereavement or unexpected extreme hardship. The organization defines eligibility to "Professional" is defined as those visual artists who make their livelihood through sales as reported on a Schedule C with a U.S. Federal tax return.

- Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grant

<https://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grants/emergency-grants>

Emergency Grants offers immediate assistance to artists that have sudden, unanticipated opportunities to present their work to the public when there is insufficient time to seek other sources of funding. Artists should be living and working anywhere in the United States, though projects can occur in the U.S. and abroad. Each month FCA receives an average of 95 Emergency Grant applications and makes approximately 12-15 grants. Grants range in amount from \$500 to \$2,500, and the average grant is now \$1,600. These grants do not cover life-related emergencies such as food, rent, medical bills, childcare, and other basic necessities, reimbursement for expenses that you have already incurred, or projects with no scheduled exhibition or performance dates.

- Haven Foundation <http://www.thehavenfdn.org/> The Haven Foundation provides financial assistance up to \$10,000 to artists who have a health crisis; grants are one-year, and the financial amount provided is to the discretion of the Foundation. Grants can be renewed up to four more years, with a supplemental application.

- Rauschenberg Emergency Grants

<https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/Rauschenberg-Emergency-Grants?fbclid=IwAR2-N07oIJYkrsIRQ8LIWBKni3NsfIKIZZ90agk78naE-oPQbvS7EYmU2zQ> The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) and the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation partnered to offer a new medical emergency aid program for artists. The one-time Rauschenberg Emergency Grants will provide visual and media artists and choreographers with up to \$5,000 to cover a number of unforeseen medical expenses. There is no deadline; applications will be accepted and reviewed by the panel on a monthly basis beginning in late May/early June 2020.

- National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness & Emergency Response (NCAPER) <https://www.ncaper.org/> NCAPER is a voluntary task force of national, regional, state, and local arts organizations, public agencies, and foundations, NCAPER helps ensure that artists, arts/cultural organizations, cultural funders, and arts businesses have the capacity and ability to respond effectively to disasters and emergencies affecting the arts and culture sector.

- Sustainable Arts Foundation <https://www.sustainableartsfoundation.org/> Awards supporting artists and writers with families with up to \$6,000.

- Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund <https://equalsound.org/musicians-corona-relief-fund-application/> If you are a musician who has lost income due to a canceled gig as a result of the Coronavirus / Covid-19 outbreak, this new grant provides monetary support

to musicians who have lost income due to a canceled gig as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

- The Mayer Foundation Grant <http://fdnweb.org/mayer/> The Mayer Foundation grant provides economic relief to New York artists who are distressed or suffering from lack of financial resources as a result of natural or civil disasters, or from temporary impoverishment, loss of employment, death or incapacity of a family wage earner or damage to home and property. The grant also provides healthcare to those who cannot afford it or whose health insurance or financial resources are insufficient to cover their medical needs. The grant is up to \$2,500 and is reviewed on a quarterly basis.

*Sources:*

- Greene County Council on the Arts dba Council for Resources to Enrich the Arts, Technology & Education