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## APAP ACTION ALERT

Updated 9:45 a.m. EDT, March 23, 2020

On Friday, APAP, along with the field leadership of the Cultural Advocacy Group (CAG), [issued to Congress the following statement, which includes key talking points](#) . It's very important that we make the case for performing arts organizations and independent artists right now, as legislation is currently being revised and will be voted on soon.

If you have just a few minutes, we ask that [you take this very simple action](#) to support this proposal for \$4 billion dollars in emergency funding for the arts.

- [We urge you to contact your Congressional representatives through our online campaign.](#)
- You are also encouraged to [engage your local Congressional staff directly](#), using the [talking points from the CAG statement](#). 

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# pandemic

APAP is monitoring the spread and impact of the Coronavirus on a daily basis and working with other field leadership organizations to gather information, share resources, and advocate for the field. We highly encourage members to review our resources here, read our member newsletters, and follow APAP on social media.

APAP has just launched a [field-wide survey](#) in order to collect data for us to share with organizational funders and to include in advocacy efforts to the U.S. federal government. Your responses also help APAP determine how best to serve you. Completing the survey takes only five minutes . [Take the survey now](#), and share this survey widely.

## Take the Survey

APAP President and CEO Mario Garcia Durham has been communicating regularly with members. You can read his statements here:

- **3.20.20:** [A message from Mario - We are here for you.](#)
- **3.17.20:** [A message from Mario - We are stronger together.](#)
- **3.13.20:** [How your organization can prepare for the potential impact of the Coronavirus.](#)

## Coronavirus Resources

Quick Links: [Congressional Action](#) | [List of Resources](#) | [Webinars](#) | [ArtsReady Tips](#) | [Artist Resources](#) | [Additional Reading](#)

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For that reason, you should have a plan in the event that, in the interest of public health, your organization needs to delay or cancel events or temporarily close.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates.

## Congressional Action

APAP has joined the broader arts and nonprofit sectors in advocating for the performing arts booking, touring and presenting field in the wake of COVID-19 closures and event cancellations.

On March 14, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bipartisan [COVID-19 relief package](#), and Congress is expected to turn its focus to business relief next. It's very important that we make the case for performing arts organizations and independent artists. [We urge you to contact your Congressional representatives through our online campaign.](#) You are also encouraged to [engage your local Congressional staff directly.](#)

## List of Resources

Below is a list of resources to help you and your team prepare for the potential impact of the Coronavirus.

- [Statement from the DC Cultural Affairs Group \(CAG\)](#)
- [NEA FAQs](#) in response to COVID-19
- [Grantmakers in the Arts](#) updates and action items
- [CDC central hub of updated information](#)
- CDC guidance for [businesses and employers](#)
- While not yet available, CDC also [says it is](#): Providing planning guides for COVID-19 that households, community- and faith-based organizations, event planners of mass gatherings, and public health communicators can use.
- [State](#) and [Local](#) health agencies provide guidance specific to your location

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## Past Webinars

- **3.19.20 - [Arts and Culture Sector and the Coronavirus: What we Know and How to Move Forward](#)** hosted by Americans for the Arts.
- **3.19.20 - [Emergency Preparedness and Response: COVID-19 and the arts ecosystem](#)** hosted by Grantmakers in the Arts
- **3.18.20 - [We Are Stronger Together: Navigating Crises and Sustaining Healthy Relationships in the Era of Coronavirus](#)** hosted by the Alliance of Performing Arts Conferences.

Find the [closed captioning transcript here](#)  and the [chat box transcript here](#) .

- **3.16.20 - [Virtual Town Hall - Coronavirus & Your Social Impact Workforce](#)** co-hosted by Nonprofit HR and Independent Sector
- **3.16.20 - [Artists In a Time of Global Pandemic](#)** hosted by HowlRound
- **3.16.20 - [The Covid-19 Impact on Festivals/Live Events](#)** hosted by FestForums
- **3.12.20 - [The Coronavirus - A Meeting Planner's Perspective](#)** hosted by Event Tech Group and Freestone"
- **3.3.20 - [Prepare Your Organization for the Coronavirus Disease Outbreak](#)** hosted by the Event Safety Alliance
- **3.6.20 - [Coronavirus Preparedness for Theatres](#)** hosted by Theater Communications Group

## COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources

### [A State-by-State Resource Guide for Music Professionals Who Need Help During Coronavirus Crisis](#)

**[NAPAMA Coronavirus FAQs](#)**. NAPAMA has compiled and answered frequently asked questions that we have heard with a focus on the perspective of agents, managers, and self-represented artists that you can find [here](#).

~~This list~~ is specifically designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested

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- [Foundation for Contemporary Arts](#): Emergency Grants provide urgent funding (\$500-\$2,500) for visual and performing artists who incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects close to completion with committed exhibition or performance dates
- [Rauschenberg Emergency Grants](#): The fund provides one-time cash grants of up to \$5,000 to cover expenses caused by one-time, unexpected medical emergencies. Eligible expenses include, but are 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.
- [Change, Inc.](#): Emergency grants for artists in all disciplines needing help with rent, medical expenses, utility bills, fire damage, etc. Grants up to \$1,000. Call 212.473.3742 for complete instructions (via a clear, concise message) on how to apply for the grant.
- [Musician's Foundation](#): Grants typically range in amount from approximately \$500-\$3,000. All professional musicians, regardless of their genre or instrument, can apply for themselves or a family member. You must be a musician in a time of serious need, due to personal, medical, dental, or family crisis, natural disaster, or other emergency situation.
- [MusiCares](#): May grant short-term financial assistance for personal or addiction needs that have arisen due to unforeseen circumstances. Funding may be awarded for needs such as rent, car payments, insurance premiums, utilities, medical/dental expenses, psychotherapy, addiction treatment, sober living, and other personal expenses.

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## Additional Reading

- [Principles for Ethical Cancellation](#)
- [COVID-19, Concert Cancellations, and Congressional Action](#)

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## Tips from ArtsReady

**Prepare your facility now**

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## Support your staff and volunteers

- Inform all staff and volunteers to limit contact with audience members - look at the tickets rather than taking them and handing them back.
- Review cancellation and work stoppage policies with staff during a special meeting. Test your contact tree and other means of communication for all stakeholders including board members.
- Stay updated on the status in your local area.
- Have a contact tree for your staff/volunteers/artists.
- Encourage staff to make sure their home/family preparedness kit is up to date.

## Communicate with audiences and stakeholders

- Make sure you have a current and clear [event cancellation/closure policy](#)
- Review all performance contracts to understand your financial liability if you decide to cancel performances.
- Prepare a financial liability statement for the board.

Visit [ArtsReady.org](https://www.ArtsReady.org) for the latest updates and to learn more.



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