



Artspace has compiled the following list of housing-related, emergency and economic-relief resources that may be helpful to residents. The list is organized by Artist Specific, National, and State/City Specific categories. Artspace is not a service organization, and this list is not comprehensive, but it reflects our best efforts to provide information that may be useful to our resident constituents.

ARTIST SPECIFIC RESOURCES

These organizations focus on providing resources for artists, some emergency specific.

The American Center for Artists

http://www.americanartists.org/organizations_and_support/support_for_artists.htm

A nation wide, public and private grant resource database. Includes links to artist contacts in each state.

Artist Relief Fund

<http://artistrelieffund.org/>

Meant to help an individual artist continue their work after an emergency and expedite recovery, the Artist Relief Fund aids artists in continuing their work. Specific to Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Arthouse

http://www.arthousetexas.org/index.php?page=load_page&action=load&id=85

Arthouse provides relief for Texas-based artists after unforeseen emergencies. Services include emergency assistance grants and access to affordable health insurance.

Art A to Z

<http://www.antiquesatoz.com/artatoz/grant.htm>

An online listing of grant resources around the country for artists.

Craft Emergency Relief Fund

<http://craftemergency.org>

CERF provides financial assistance and educational resources for artists who need support in order to sustain their careers after an emergency has occurred. Their support is primarily used as a first-responder resource before more significant assistance (i.e. insurance payments) are made available.

Foundation for Contemporary Arts

http://www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org/grant_programs/immediate_needs.html

The Foundation provides Emergency Grants which provide speedy funding for visual and performing artists who have unanticipated, sudden opportunities to present their work to the public, or who incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects underway and close to completion. These are primarily granted to emerging artists working in a contemporary, avant-garde style.

Springboard's Emergency Relief Fund

<http://www.springboardforthearts.org/services/ERF.asp>

Started by artists, the purpose of the Emergency Relief Fund is to expedite recovery from a specific economic crisis so that the artist applicant may continue their work. Artist applicants living in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota or Wisconsin may access up to \$500 to meet or defray unexpected "emergency" expenses. Relief Fund payments are made directly to the business that the artist owes money, not to the artist applicant.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

Organizations listed below assist low income individuals with basic needs, including: food, clothing, rent, utilities, transportation, back to school needs, medical, dental, and holiday needs.

State Housing Agencies

Connect to these websites to find helpful links and resources for a wide range of housing assistance:

California

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/>

Connecticut

<http://www.chfa.org>

Florida

<http://www.floridahousing.org/home/>

Illinois

<http://www.ihda.org>

Maryland

<http://www.dhcd.state.md.us>

Minnesota

<http://www.mnhousing.gov>

Nevada

<http://www.nvhousing.state.nv.us>

New York

New York City: <http://www.nychdc.com>

New York State: <http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us>

Oregon

<http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov>

Pennsylvania

<http://www.phfa.org>

Texas

<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us>

Washington

<http://www.wshfc.org>

Nationwide Resources:

Below are some resources available across the nation. None are state specific, but some have localized state divisions and criteria:

Government Benefits

http://www.govbenefits.gov/govbenefits_en.portal?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=gbcc_page_locate_state&_nfls=false

Select a State from the map to view a list of the selected State's benefit programs.

Food Stamps

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/map.htm>

Available by State

Social Security

<http://ssa.gov/>

To apply for Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income.

Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/audience/aud-unemployed.htm>

Can assist with: unemployment, job search, resumes, job training, wage and hour, layoffs, overtime, workplace safety, retirement and health benefits, and disability questions.

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Emergency relief, food and shelter.

United Way

<http://www.liveunited.org/index.cfm>

Enter your zip code to find the website for your local United Way. A wide range of assistance is available. You may also simply dial 2-1-1 for help in your area.

Catholic Charities

<http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=1174>

Find your local agency for relief. Disaster relief and financial incentives are often available.

Salvation Army

http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf/vw-local/Home

Disaster relief and various support services.

WIC

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Contacts/statealpha.HTM>

Specifically for pregnant/postpartum women and children under 5.
Organized by state.

HEAP

<http://www.liheap.ncat.org/admin.htm#applications>

Utility assistance by state.

Social Services

<http://www.cbpp.org/1-14-04tanf.htm>

Helpful information about state-wide social services programs.

HUD - RENTAL ASSISTANCE

<http://www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm>

If you need rental assistance this is the place to start. Subsidized housing is based on your income and often times it is much quicker to get into a subsidized apartment than to wait for a Section 8 Subsidy approval.

Ways to Work

http://www.waystowork.org/pages/l_directory.html

A loan program specifically for low-income families in need of a car or car repair, who do NOT qualify for conventional loans. Not available in every state.

Military Specific Aid

http://www.americasupportsyou.mil/americasupportsyou/need_help.html

Various forms of assistance for individuals in the military and their families

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Government grants to finance your education

United Health Care Children's Foundation Grants

<http://www.uhccf.org/>

Aid for children's medical expenses.

Modest Needs

<http://www.modestneeds.org/>

Non-profit organization reaching out to hard-working individuals and families who find themselves faced with small, emergency expenses.

Open Directory Project

http://dmoz.org/Society/Philanthropy/Organizations/Cheer_and_Support/Wish_Fulfillment/

Listing of organizations which grant wishes to disabled, terminally ill, children and adults.

Prosper

<http://www.prosper.com/>

Personal loan programs.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

<https://www.pparx.org/Intro.php>

Assistance with medications for those without insurance.

Donated Dental Services

http://nfdh.org/joomla_nfdh/content/view/24/47/

Dental services provided to those who are disabled, elderly or medically compromised and have no other way for paying for dental care. Determined by state.

Leveraging Investments in Creativity

<http://www.lincnet.net/>

Health insurance and health resource center for artists.