Keeping Our BEAT Alive:

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Here at BEAT, our mission is to uplift and empower our youth communities through our Hip Hop-based arts education. Hip Hop has also been a source of HOPE and INSPIRATION during times of anxiety and uncertainty, such as these.

We’ve compiled the following resources for Artists to navigate during this difficult time. We will continue to update this document.

We’re confident that the NYC and global community will defeat the current pandemic and rise up again -- stronger than ever. Stay safe and healthy. Let’s not give up on HOPE.

Please follow our Instagram @BEATGlobal for our weekly events to stay connected!
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Artists Relief Funds

The SOZE Agency creates an **Artist + Activist Relief Fund**

The Dance Union organizes the **NYC Dancers Relief Fund**

Artists Job Opportunities

**HHCU (Hip Hop CommUniversity)**

Martha Diaz is hiring **Master Teachers, Teaching Artists, and Industry Professionals** interested in co-teaching classes (all-subjects needed), facilitating DIY workshops, and/or participating in a weekly speaker series.

**HHCU** serves to engage youth by offering culturally-relevant curricula and resources through an online project-based platform that builds capacity around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), career development and continuing education.

This is a paid position that requires 2-10 hours a week for classes and workshops and 1-hour a week for the speaker series. The compensation ranges between $100 - $200 an hour.

If you are interested in joining Hip Hop CU, please fill out this **form** with the requested information and I will contact you with more details. Please feel free to share this form with the best people in your network.
Artist Resources

Made in NY Media Center compiles **WAYS TO HELP ARTISTS AND CREATIVES DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

Teaching Artist Guild master list of resources **COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ARTISTS**

Women Make Moves list of **Resources for Artists with Lost or Reduced Wages**

SoundFORMovement is offering **Free Music for Dance Educators and Students**

Website with growing list of **COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources**.

**CultureAid** also has up-to-date information for artists.

**Guidelines for Talking with Students about the Coronavirus** from Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility. This is a wonderful Social Emotional Learning and Restorative Practices organization with a large database of lesson plans on tough issues.

**Teaching Artists of NYC Facebook Group**
Grants & More Assistance

Grant Opportunities

**Rauschenberg Emergency Grants:** one-time grant of $5,000 for unexpected medical emergencies

**NYFA - New York Foundation for the Arts COVID-19 Grants Info**

Unemployment Assistance under CARES

Unemployment benefits will be available for eligible individuals for 39 weeks. Unemployment assistance authorized under the CARES Act is retroactively available to January 27, 2020. The CARES Act also eliminates all waiting periods previously required before an eligible individual could receive unemployment benefits. Independent contractors and self-employed individuals can begin applying April 10.

Apply Here

Eligibility Information

$10M artist accelerator program to support independent creators’ career growth.

We are committing $10M to help fuel the careers of independent artists upstreamed from Repost by SoundCloud into our artist services offering, Repost Select. [Apply here.](#)
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**NYC Low-Income Artist/Freelancer Relief Fund (New York City)** - Provides support for low-income, BIPOC, trans/GNC/NB/Queer artists and freelancers whose livelihoods are being effected by this pandemic in NYC. Applications will reopen in the coming weeks.

**Recording Academy and MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund** - The Recording Academy® and its affiliated charitable foundation MusiCares® have established the COVID-19 Relief Fund to help their peers in the music community affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Sweet Relief**: created a donor-directed fund with a limited amount of support to be used specifically for musicians and music industry workers affected by the coronavirus.

**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 the number below for complete instructions (via a clear, concise message) on how to apply for the grant.

Change, Inc. P.O. Box 1818 Captiva, FL 33957  Phone: (212) 473-3742

**New York Foundation for the Arts Rauschenberg Emergency Grants**
The New York Foundation for the Arts and Robert Rauschenberg Foundation are teaming up to provide emergency medical grants for artists who need help paying for healthcare amid the crisis. The grants, expected to be rolled out in late May or early June, will offer artists of all disciplines up to $5,000 of assistance for medical emergencies. Apply here.
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**Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund** - The Arts and Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund is intended to help those pursuing careers as artists or arts administrators whose income has been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This fund is for those who self-identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color).

**Artist Relief Project** - Anyone pursuing the arts as a career (any discipline, any level of experience) can request financial support from the Artist Relief Project, which will provide applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis with a one-time emergency stipend of $200 and free resources and support to pursue alternative economic opportunities.

**Dance/NYC Coronavirus Dance Relief Fund (New York City)** - The purpose of the funding initiative is to mitigate the growing impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak on individual freelance dance workers and dance making organizations based in the metropolitan New York City area, particularly financial losses incurred due to the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and the social restriction measures implemented to contain the disease. **Applications will reopen on April 10.**

**The Dance Union Podcast NYC Dancers Relief Fund (COVID-19) (New York City)** - This Fund will offer urgent relief to freelance dance artist that have suffered financial losses due to the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and the government enforced social restrictions. Applications will reopen on April 15.

**Freelancers Union Freelancers Relief Fund** - Freelancers Relief Fund will offer financial assistance of up to $1,000 per freelance household to cover lost income and essential expenses not covered by government relief programs, including food/food supplies; utility payments; cash assistance to cover income loss.
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**The Creator Fund:** A $50,000 fund to support creators in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Needs that can be covered are medical, groceries, childcare, or rent/mortgage. If approved, creators will receive a one-time $500 grant to their PayPal account.

**Eerie Arts and Culture Emergency Financial Assistance Fund:** Through Erie Arts & Culture's newly formed Emergency Financial Assistance Fund, creative and cultural professionals - which includes artists of all disciplines - who have experienced a disruption to their income stream can request up to $500 in assistance. Awarded funds can be used to assist with basic living expenses, such as housing, utilities, or groceries.

**Haven Foundation:** An individual who is committed to his/her industry or work, who has derived at least forty percent (40%) of his/her annual income over the past three (3) years from his/her personal production, performance or other work in the industry. A qualified person that makes a portion of his/her income in a related activity such as teaching classes relevant to his/her field to supplement his/her freelance income may also be eligible for support.

**ArtistRelief.org:** To support artists during the COVID-19 crisis, a coalition of national arts grantmakers have come together to create an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists across the United States. Artist Relief will distribute $5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19. The fund will operate through September 2020.
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**Mayer Foundation:** The Mayer Foundation issues economic relief grants to needy individuals who are distressed or suffering as a result of poverty, low income or lack of financial resources, including 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. Average grant amount is $2,000.

**Coronavirus Financial Impact Loan:** The Coronavirus Financial Impact Loan Program provides interest-free loans of $2,000-$5,000 to residents of New York City’s five boroughs, Westchester, or Long Island who are facing financial challenges caused by the Coronavirus outbreak.
Founded in 2009, Bridging Education & Art Together (BEAT) is a NYC-based nonprofit organization that provides unique Hip Hop-based arts education to disadvantaged students in underserved schools, community centers, and public institutions throughout NYC.

We believe in the transformative power of Hip Hop to uplift and heal our bodies and minds. Our mission is to empower our youth and communities through creative expression to unlock their full potential.