

New York City COVID Resource Center:
 Funding Opportunity Checklist for Human Service Organizations

Multiple funding sources are available to human service and community-based organizations responding to COVID-19. This checklist, while not all encompassing, is designed to support these organizations in navigating and managing current and future funding opportunities.

Applying for Direct Federal Funding Relief

- Monitor updates on [FEMA Disaster Relief Funding](#)** for information on available funding and eligibility criteria
- Monitor for fund availability through:**
 - The [Paycheck Protection Program](#), for loans that are forgivable when used for payroll costs; loans can be for up to two months of average monthly payroll costs plus 25% and are generally available to businesses that meet the U.S. Small Business Administration’s small business [size standards](#) or have 500 employees or less
 - The [Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance \(EIDL\) Program](#), for up to \$10,000 in economic relief for businesses experiencing temporary difficulties; these loans are generally available to businesses with 500 employees or less
- Determine eligibility for the [Express Bridge Loan Program](#)**, which allows small businesses with existing relationships with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly
- Consider applying for low-interest loans** through the [Industry Stabilization Fund](#) (available to non-profits with 500 – 10,000 employees who maintain 90% of their staff at full compensation)
- Assess applicability of the [SBA Debt Relief](#) program**, which will pay the principal, interest, and fees on certain SBA loans
- Retain employees to earn the [Employee Retention Payroll Tax Credit](#)**¹ of up to \$5,000 per employee on payroll after certain conditions are met
- Apply for a grant** from the [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\) CARES: Cultural Organizations](#), a program granting up to \$300,000 per applicant to support humanities organizations affected by the Coronavirus
- Apply for funds or sub-grants** from the [National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\)](#) in the amount of \$50,000 (direct funding) or \$100,000 or \$250,000 (subgranting) for cultural institutions affected by the Coronavirus
- Review the [Administration for Children and Families](#) webpage** for information on how to apply for CARES Act funding for Head Start, Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, and Family Violence Prevention and Services
- Track updates on the [Department of Agriculture Food Box Distribution Program](#)** for details on how food banks, community and faith organizations and other non-profits can register for donations of fresh produce, dairy and meat, and for more details on \$850 million in [funding to support food bank administrative costs](#)
- Monitor funding made available through the [Provider Relief Fund](#)**; if your organization bills Medicare or Medicaid you may be eligible in future funding releases

¹ Note that employers who receive an emergency SBA 7(a) loan are not eligible for these credits.

Engaging the Private Sector on Potential Funding Opportunities

- **Solicit charitable gifts** from individuals and corporations by leveraging [new tax benefits](#) put forth in the CARES Act; if your organization is accepting donations please review the [New York State Charities Bureau guidance](#) for charitable not-for-profit organizations²
- **Track private funding opportunities (i.e. grants and no-interest loans) to support COVID-19 relief** through philanthropies and corporations, including:
 - [The New York Community Trust NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund](#)
 - [The Brooklyn COVID-19 Response Fund](#)
 - [The Bronx Community Relief Effort](#)
 - [The New York Foundation for the Arts Emergency Grants](#)
 - [The Indie Theater Fund Rapid Relief Grants](#)

Additional private funding resources and opportunities are posted on the following comprehensive websites:

- [NYS Health Foundation: COVID-19 Resources for Nonprofits and Community-Based Organizations](#)
- [NYC Cultural Affairs: COVID-19 Coronavirus Resources](#)
- [NYS Council on the Arts: COVID-19 Resources](#)

Engaging the Public Sector on Potential Funding Opportunities

- **Stay updated on** future distribution of federal funding (including CARES Act funding) to local agencies and human service organizations.

Federal funds may include, but are not limited to:

Federal Opportunity (CARES Act)	Potential NYS Grantee
Coronavirus Relief Fund - \$7.5 billion to New York	TBD
US Department of Housing and Urban Development - \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Funds	NYS Homes and Community Renewal
Department of Justice - \$850 billion for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
Administration for Children and Families - \$6.3 billion	NYS Office of Children and Family Services
Administration for Community Living - \$955 million	NYS Department of Health
Department of Education - \$30.8 billion Education Stabilization Fund	NYS Education Department
Department of Housing and Urban Development - \$1.5 million for Fair Housing Assistance Program (FPHAP)	NYS Fair and Equitable Housing Office (FEHO)

- **Sign up to receive updates** on new local, state, and federal financial assistance programs from the NYC Department of Small Businesses
- **Monitor NYC nonprofits website** for resources on business continuity, regulatory flexibility, and other COVID-19 related resources and opportunities

Questions or comments? Send them to the NYC COVID-19 Resource Center at COVIDProviderSupport@cityhall.nyc.gov

² The full text of the guidance is available [here](#).