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

Multiple funding sources are available to social 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](https://www.fema.gov/disaster) **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** 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

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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 organizations.

- **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 social service organizations.

Federal funds may include, but are not limited to:

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- **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 [NYCCOVIDquestions@manatt.com](mailto:NYCCOVIDquestions@manatt.com)*

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