



Craft Emergency Relief Fund

Grants to USA Craft Artists Experiencing Career-Threatening Emergencies

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Agency Type: Foundation / Corporation

Funding Source: CERF+

Deadline: Ongoing

Conf. Date: 00/00/00

Description: Grants of up to \$3,000 to USA established craft artists who are experiencing career emergency situations. Applications are accepted from artists working in craft disciplines including folk and traditional arts including metalsmiths, potters, furniture makers, glass artists, fiber artists, woodworkers, and basket makers.

Artists must have experienced a recent, unforeseen emergency or triggering event that has significantly and adversely affected their ability to produce, exhibit and/or market work and, thus, creates the need for immediate assistance.

Craft is the creation of original objects through the skillful manipulation of materials. These materials were traditionally considered to be clay, fiber, metal, wood, or glass. However, today's artist working in a craft discipline may also employ concrete, plastic, synthetic fibers, recycled materials, and other non-traditional materials, and may self-identify as a maker, designer, potter, ceramicist, mixed media artist, etc. CERF+ broadly defines eligible artists to be inclusive of all materials-based artists regardless of whether they use "craft" to describe themselves.

Craft objects may be functional or nonfunctional, but both types derive part of their meaning from their association with traditional functional forms such as chairs, vessels, garments or implements, and/or their association with cultural tradition. Qualities that contribute to the success of a craft object include the skill of the maker, the use of the material, the refinement of the design, the originality of expression, its cultural significance – or all of these.

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Full Description:

Estimated Size of Grant: The CERF+ Emergency Assistance Grant is \$3,000.

Eligibility:

- See RFP and/or Grant Guidelines for full eligibility

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

An eligible art career requires a serious commitment to craft for at least the three years before your recent emergency:

You must have earned the majority of your livelihood from the sale of your art and/or activities related to your artmaking, been engaged in producing a body of work in a craft discipline (or disciplines), and spent at least 50% of your work time in design, creation, production, and exhibiting and/or marketing that work.

OR

You must have had an ongoing history of producing handmade objects and/or functional visual art of high quality that embody the NEA definition of folk and traditional arts.* Earning an income from work in folk and traditional arts is not a requirement. *The National Endowment for the Arts defines folk and traditional arts as follows: The folk and traditional arts are rooted in and reflective of the cultural life of a community. Community members may share a common ethnic heritage, cultural mores, language, religion, occupation, or geographic region. These vital and constantly reinvigorated artistic traditions are shaped by values and standards of excellence that are passed from generation to generation, most often within family and community, through demonstration, conversation, and practice.

What CERF+ Doesn't Fund:

1. Artists working in the following media:

Note: Exceptions may be made in instances where the medium is a component in a craft object produced by the artist.

- Media commonly classified as "fine art" including: painting; printmaking; sculpture collage and assemblage (except where there is a demonstrable connection to craft materials, processes, and objects and where the finished products sufficiently exhibit the individuality and skill of the maker).
- Photography, film, video, and digital media.
- Consumables: Food, beverages, soap, candles, essences, flower arrangements, etc.
- Performing arts except craft objects used in performance such as musical instruments and puppets that meet CERF+'s eligibility criteria. Maker/performers may be eligible if the making of these objects is the primary part of their practice, and those objects meet CERF+'s other criteria for craft objects.
- Repair, conservation, or restoration of antiques or art objects.
- Construction of cabinets, furniture, architectural details, models or other objects from plans provided by others. These same forms may be eligible when substantially designed by the maker, and sufficiently exhibit the individuality and skill of the maker.
- Pillows, upholstery, drapes, and clothing produced from commercially produced fabric unless the fabric has been substantially modified or altered by the artist (as in batik and quilts) and the fabric and objects sufficiently exhibit the individuality and skill of the maker.

2. Situations of financial need that result from the normal uncertainties of doing business, such as:

- Equipment failure
- Lack of employment
- Poor sales
- Poor business practices

3. Old emergencies:

CERF+ does not provide funding when the time elapsed since the event that initiated the emergency exceeds the typical recovery time for that type of emergency.

4. "Small" emergencies:

Even though you may have experienced "a recent, unforeseen emergency or triggering event that has adversely affected your ability to produce and/or market your work," CERF+ may determine that it does not meet the threshold for emergency assistance.

Pre-Application Information: How to Apply:

Applying is a two-stage process. First, an inquiry process, then the application.

Artists interested in and potentially eligible for CERF+ emergency assistance are asked to apply via an emailed link after their inquiry form information has been reviewed. Those inquiring are responded to within five business days of submitting the inquiry form. An assistance determination is made within two weeks of a complete application having been submitted.

Within two weeks of receiving a complete application and all necessary supporting documentation, CERF+ will notify you of the eligibility determination, and if eligible, the award determination. A check will be mailed after you have signed and returned the

grant agreement. During federally declared natural disasters it may take more than 2 weeks due to the increased volume on inquiries and applications that are received.

Eligibility:

<https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/eligibility/>

Guidelines:

<https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/eligibility/>

What CERF+ Does Not Fund:

<https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/what-cerf-doesnt-fund/>

Supporting Documents:

<https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/supporting-documentation/>

FAQ:

<https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/faqs/>

Contact Information: Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Inquiry Form:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4660308>

Contact Form:

<https://cerfplus.org/contact-us/>

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URL for Full Text (RFP): <https://cerfplus.org/get-relief/apply-for-help/craft-emergency-relief-fund/grants-loans/>

Geographic Focus:

USA: Alabama; Alaska; Arizona; Arkansas; California; Colorado; Connecticut; Delaware; Florida; Georgia; Hawaii; Idaho; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky; Louisiana; Maine; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New Mexico; New York City; New York; North Carolina; North Dakota; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina; South Dakota; Tennessee; Texas; Utah; Vermont; Virginia; Washington, DC; Washington; West Virginia; Wisconsin; Wyoming;

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