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### **COVID Relief for Writers:**

- Authors League Fund Crisis Advice Guide, with 20+ pages of housing, legal, food, medical, and emergency resources for writers, artists, and the general public. Compiled prior to COVID-19. Download from [www.authorsleaguefund.org/apply](http://www.authorsleaguefund.org/apply).
- PEN U.S. Writers Aid Initiative: <https://pen.org/us-writers-aid-initiative/>
- COVID-19 Resources for Journalists (scroll to bottom of page): <https://cpj.org/covid-19/>
- Fund for Investigative Journalism: <http://fij.org/>
- Economic Hardship Reporting Project. The relief fund is suspended, but they also commission journalism: <https://economichardship.org/submissions/>
- Journalists Furlough Fund (application link in fundraiser description): <https://www.gofundme.com/f/journalist-furlough-fund>
- United States Journalism Emergency Fund and IWMF Emergency Fund and Black Journalist Therapy Relief Fund: <https://www.iwmf.org/programs/emergency-fund/#us-fund>
- Emergency Fund for Diverse Creatives in Children's Publishing: <https://diversebooks.org/wndb-emergency-fund-for-diverse-creatives-in-childrens-publishing/>
- The Learned Fangirl Freelance Emergency Fund, run by [TheLearnedFangirl.com](http://TheLearnedFangirl.com) and Independent Arts & Media: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfR9UFB1xxOvdHY7zyvffq4OCnPdkwgWUkt\\_HriQnZGtnO\\_w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfR9UFB1xxOvdHY7zyvffq4OCnPdkwgWUkt_HriQnZGtnO_w/viewform)
- If you received a PPP loan, apply for forgiveness: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program/ppp-loan-forgiveness>
- The SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses, including self-employed freelancers: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loans>
- Behind the Scenes has an extensive mental health support website tailored to the needs of the entertainment industry. This includes access to a chat app, a therapist finder tool, and phone numbers to get support right away: <https://wp.behindthescenescharity.org/mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-initiative/mental-health-resources/>

### Relief for the General Public:

- Unfortunately, the CDC moratorium ended on August 26, 2021, but help is available. Apply for money to cover rent and utilities today. There are ~550 state, county, and city rent relief programs still operating. Search in your state: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/renter-protections/find-help-with-rent-and-utilities/>
- NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS - apply for rent and utility relief: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/>
- CALIFORNIA STATE RESIDENTS - apply for rent relief: [https://housing.ca.gov/covid\\_rr/](https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/)
- Additional rent relief search tool: <https://nlihc.org/rental-assistance>. If you are concerned about housing: [justshelter.org/community-resources](http://justshelter.org/community-resources). More info on housing issues: <http://housingcourtanswers.org> and <https://www.nhlp.org/>
- \*NEW!\* The new child tax credit will send \$3,000-\$3,600/year per child to 93% of American families. FAQ and eligibility guidelines: <https://www.getctc.org/en>
- \*NEW!\* Emergency Broadband Credit, \$50/month toward Internet service: <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>. More info on how to take advantage of this opportunity: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2021/05/12/emergency-broadband-benefit-faq/>
- General Support Database. Search for food assistance, help paying bills, and other free or reduced cost programs, including relating to COVID-19. Enter your zip code at: <https://findhelp.org/>
- Did you *not* receive the relief/stimulus payments? Visit: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>. Claim missing payments on your 2020 tax return: <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/02/03/claim-missing-stimulus-payments-2020-tax-return.html>