## Relief for Authors, Poets, Dramatists, and Journalists:

- Authors League Fund Crisis Advice Guide, with 20+ pages of housing, legal, food, medical, and emergency resources for writers, artists across genres and fields, and the general public. Download at <a href="https://www.authorsleaguefund.org/apply">www.authorsleaguefund.org/apply</a>.
- PEN U.S. Writers Aid Initiative: <u>pen.org/us-writers-aid-initiative/</u>
- Dramatists Guild Foundation Emergency Grants: <a href="degf.org">dgf.org</a>
- Carnegie Fund for Authors: www.carnegiefundforauthors.org
- IndieSpace serving theater artists in New York City has emergency grants, mental health grants, and an AAPI transportation fund: www.indiespace.org/programs-page
- IWMF runs three funds for journalists: <a href="https://iwmf.org/programs/emergency-fund/">iwmf.org/programs/emergency-fund/</a>
- Emergency Fund for Diverse Creatives in Children's Publishing: diversebooks.org/programs/emergency-fund
- Journalists in Distress Network: <a href="https://www.journalistsindistress.org">https://www.journalistsindistress.org</a>
- Journalists Furlough Fund (application link in fundraiser description): gofundme.com/f/journalist-furlough-fund
- Economic Hardship Reporting Project commissions journalism: economichardship.org/submissions/
- Behind the Scenes has an extensive mental health support website tailored to the needs of the entertainment industry: <a href="https://wp.behindthescenescharity.org/mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-initiative/mental-health-resources/">https://wp.behindthescenescharity.org/mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-initiative/mental-health-resources/</a>

## **Relief for All:**

- Rent and utility help is available in some states. Search for programs in your area: <a href="mailto:consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/renter-protections/find-help-with-rent-and-utilities/">mortgage-and-housing-assistance/renter-protections/find-help-with-rent-and-utilities/</a>
- Additional rent relief search tool: nlihc.org/rental-assistance
- If you are concerned about housing: <u>justshelter.org/community-resources</u>. More info on housing issues: housingcourtanswers.org and nhlp.org/
- Homeowners, check the status of the Homeowner Assistance Fund in your state: ncsha.org/homeowner-assistance-fund

- With the Affordable Connectivity Program, eligible households may receive up to \$30/month toward Internet service and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer: <a href="mailto:acpbenefit.org">acpbenefit.org</a>
- The Home Energy Assistance Program has been expanded. Check your eligibility: benefits.gov/benefit/623
- General Support Databases make it easy to search in your location for immediate food assistance, help paying bills, and other free or reduced cost programs. Two examples:
  - o 1) Visit www.usa.gov/help-with-bills
  - o 2) Enter your zip code at <u>findhelp.org</u>
- The SBA offers Disaster Loans to small businesses, including some self-employed freelancers: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

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