

Emergency Relief Fund Grants

The Artists Emergency Relief Fund Network is stewarded by Springboard for the Arts and supported by F. R. Bigelow Foundation, Jerome Foundation, McKnight Foundation, and the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation.

The Network includes the state's Regional Arts Council system as an effective way to reach artists across the entire state. Regional Arts Councils launching Emergency Relief Fund pilots are the Region 2 Arts Council (Bemidji), Arrowhead Regional Arts Council (Duluth), Five Wings Arts Council (Staples), the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (Waseca), and the Metropolitan Arts Council (Saint Paul).

Purpose: Region 2 Arts Council provides grants to individual artists who have had a critical need relating to property damage due to natural disaster, healthcare, housing, equipment, or legal emergencies since June 1, 2025.



Grants amounts: \$500

Application deadlines: Rolling applications open November 1st 2025 and reopen on February 1st and May 1st 2026

Counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomon Counties; and the sovereign nations of White Earth, Red Lake and Leech Lake that extend into Becker, Cass, Itasca and Roseau Counties.

<https://r2arts.org/emergencyrelief>



Purpose: ARAC provides grants to individual artists who have had a critical need relating to healthcare, housing, equipment, or legal emergencies since January 1, 2024.

Grants amounts: \$500 or \$1000

Application deadline: November 9, 2025.

Counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis counties, as well as the Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Bois Forte, and Leech Lake nation within Itasca county.

<https://aracouncil.org/emergency-relief-fund>

Emergency Relief Fund Grants Continued



Purpose: funds for artists and creatives, ages 18 years and older experiencing Housing emergencies, Healthcare emergencies, including medical debt, Legal emergencies, and Property loss emergencies, including theft, loss due to natural disasters, etc.

Grants amount: \$500

Application deadlines: Monthly on the Friday before the 4th Monday of the month

Counties: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties, and the residents of the Leech Lake Tribal community

<https://www.fwac.org/individual-artist-grants#:~:text=Emergency%20Relief%20Program%20for%20Artists>



Purpose: short-term, quick relief to artists and creative people who are facing lost income or unexpected expenses due to a personal or community-wide emergency.

Grants amount: \$500

Application deadlines: November 15 and April 15

Counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan

<https://www.plrac.org/emergency-relief-fund>



Purpose: short-term, rapid relief for unexpected lost income or expenses due to personal/professional emergencies or natural disasters. Including illness/injury, loss of housing, contract cancellation, legal assistance, or other disruptive events that impact an artist's' wellbeing or ability to work.

Grants amounts: \$500

Application deadlines: 8 deadlines, monthly October 13, 2025 through June 12, 2026

Counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington

<https://mrac.org/home/grant-application-steps/emergency-relief-fund/>