

## NYC DANCE RESPONSE FUND

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In response to Hurricane Sandy and to early field testimony collected by Dance/NYC and its colleagues in service and grantmaking, the Mertz Gilmore Foundation has established a NYC Dance Response Fund to be administered by Dance/NYC, a branch of Dance/USA, the national service organization for professional dance.

NYC Dance Response Fund grants, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, will be awarded to New York City-based nonprofit organizations and fiscally sponsored projects of The Field, Fractured Atlas, New York Foundation for the Arts, New York Live Arts, and Pentacle focused on the creation or performance of dance. Successful applicants will have incurred identifiable costs due to Hurricane Sandy not otherwise covered by insurance or other sources, including:

- Unpaid artist fees (e.g., performance, rehearsal, or teaching fees cancelled as a result of suspended activity);
- Travel expenses (e.g., unplanned airfare, lodging);
- Lost sales (e.g., returned event tickets, class fees, uncollected rental fees); and
- Property damage (e.g., costumes, sets, equipment, space) not covered by insurance.

Applications will be accepted and processed by Dance/NYC, in partnership with the Mertz Gilmore Foundation, on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are expended. Priority will be given to those who articulate a clear need for reimbursement to rebuild. These are discrete funds and will not impact other Mertz Gilmore Foundation giving priorities.

All applications should be submitted electronically to [MGFDanceResponse@dancenyc.org](mailto:MGFDanceResponse@dancenyc.org) and include: a one-page statement of need; documentation of identifiable costs; and proof of nonprofit or fiscal sponsorship status. Questions may be addressed to Leigh Ross at (212) 966-4452.



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