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New York, NY On September 2, 2021, President Biden approved an Emergency Declaration for the state of New York and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Dance/NYC understands the serious impact Hurricane Ida is having on the dance and wider arts community and is closely monitoring its effects on individual dance workers and organizations. As the effects of Hurricane Ida and ongoing climate crises continue to unfold, Dance/NYC aims to provide relevant and up-to-date information to guide the best possible decisions for communities, organizations and individuals impacted by this emergency.

RESOURCES

Dance/NYC has compiled resources for individuals and organizations impacted by the storm, as well as disaster relief and responses from the federal government, New York State, and the City of New York. This list is not comprehensive, and Dance/NYC welcomes information about additional community resources and places to donate. Please use the resource submission form on the Dance.NYC website or e-mail info@dance.nyc with relevant suggestions.

ADVOCACY

Artists and performing arts groups can join with others in the arts and nonprofit sector to advocate publicly to ensure that relief will meet all community needs. Elected officials need confirmation from as many constituents as possible that relief and recovery resources should be made accessible to nonprofit arts organizations and artists. As opportunities for federal, state, and local relief become available, elected officials will be key partners in facilitating access to resources. It is important to tend to these relationships now by initiating a conversation on this topic. Find and connect with your state and local representatives

Dance/NYC will continue to share resources and welcome community input at the Field-Wide Call on Thursday, September 9th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Register to attend the Field-Wide Call

SURVEY

Dance/NYC launched the Hurricane Ida Dance Impact Survey: (i) for individuals and (ii) for organizations, to better assess and respond to disaster relief and recovery needs. Both individual dance workers and organizations are strongly encouraged to complete the survey to inform Dance/NYC's advocacy for the dance community and, in particular, the segments of the community that demonstrate the greatest need and have disproportionate access to resources. Dance/NYC will use the survey input to create public awareness and guide policy, resources, and program development for dance makers and organizations based in the metropolitan New York City area.