

## COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

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### Partners & Coalition

Dance/NYC's approach to ensuring justice, equity, and inclusion across all of its public programs is grounded in collaboration. It has established formal partnerships and coalitions with colleague arts service organizations and community organizers in order to more effectively serve the field through its Coronavirus Dance Relief Fund, including Dance New Jersey and the COVID-19 NYC Relief Fund Coalition.

#### COVID-19 NYC Relief Fund Coalition

COVID-19 NYC Relief Fund Coalition - NYC (CRC-NYC) is a collective of institutions and grassroots organizers/individuals who are administering emergency funding to support NYC based artists in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The cohort is made up of five groups: Dance/NYC, The Dance Union, The Indie Theater Fund, The NYC Low-Income Artist + Freelancer Fund, and New York Foundation for the Arts. The groups came together to learn from one another, share resources, and be in conversation around the ethics of relief funding. The CRC-NYC shares a value system of centering those who are most severely affected by the economic shut down and who may struggle to secure financial resources, specifically: low-income, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, disabled, trans, Gender-nonconforming/Non-binary, queer, undocumented, and/or immigrant arts workers and freelancers. Each group has different requirements and stipulations for funding and spans multiple artistic disciplines including but not limited to: dance, visual arts, theatre, media, etc..

Through the sharing of information and resources, the CRC-NYC hopes to collectively help as wide a net of people as possible for as long as possible. All of the funds aim to support artists as resources become available throughout this pandemic. We recognize the need artists and their communities are facing will exist long after social restriction measures are lifted. If possible, consider donating to one or all of the funds. For more information about each coalition member, please visit their pages directly:

- [The Dance Union](#)
- [The Indie Theater Fund](#)
- [The NYC Low-Income Artist + Freelancer Fund](#)
- [New York Foundation for the Arts](#)

#### Dance New Jersey

[Dance New Jersey](#) is a service organization committed to advocating the excellence of dance and dance education in the state. Founded in 1998 by several leading professional dance companies, DanceNJ remains dedicated to addressing the needs of New Jersey's vibrant and diverse dance community. In 2002, the founding members of DanceNJ began a major planning effort, which led to the expansion of the organization and its mission to include the entire community of dance professionals and organizations. In April 2004, DanceNJ was granted state affiliate status to the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO), a link that further united NJ's professional dance community and dance education community. Since then, DanceNJ has been the conduit for dance educators in the state to communicate, network, create, and provide support for existing and new Dance Education programming. In service to its mission, DanceNJ seeks to: build a supportive and effective statewide network serving the needs of dance individuals and organizations throughout NJ; to provide professional development through programs and services for the dance community at large; to promote and advocate for excellence in dance performance, creation and education; to make dance accessible to all populations across the state; to build the capacity and public awareness of DanceNJ as an information hub for New Jersey dance.