

ADVOCACY ALERT: NEW FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION, CITY ADVOCACY

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SUPPORTING BLACK LIVES ACTIONS

• Dance/NYC in collaboration with Nonprofit NY is urging members of the New York City metropolitan dance community to join us in a Twitter and email campaign tomorrow urging the City and its leaders to center Black and people of color-led organizations in the budget process. Sign on your organization to the Nonprofits' Open Letter to the City to Center Black and People of Color Led Organizations in Reallocating Policing Funds.

SIGN
ON

• [Open Letter from Arts and Culture Workers of NYC](#) demanding the defunding of police and investment in BIPOC communities. [There's still time to sign on.](#)

• Read Dance/NYC's [Open letter To The Dance Community On Taking Action in Support of Black Lives](#)

• Join Girls for Gender Equity by taking action on Defunding the Police: [Demand NYC Defund NYPD, Including Police in Schools.](#)

For a full list of Racial Justice Resources visit [Dance/NYC's resources page.](#)

FEDERAL UPDATES

• On June 18, 2020, the [Supreme Court ruled against](#) Trump's attempt to end DACA, a win for undocumented 'Dreamers' brought to U.S. as children.

• PPP Forgiveness Applications - Following the passage of [H.R. 7010 The Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act of 2020](#) June 5, 2020, SBA and Treasury [announced](#) revised application forms for loan forgiveness on June 16. In addition to updating the original [Full Forgiveness Application](#), SBA also published a new [EZ Forgiveness Application](#) version of the forgiveness application that applies to borrowers that: did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25% and did not reduce the number of hours of their employees, OR experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19, and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%.

• The Federal Reserve Main Street Lending Program is available to nonprofits now. There are two types – the [new loan facility](#) and the [expanded loan facility](#). Loans would be available to charitable nonprofits with between 50 and 15,000 employees, have operated for at least 5 years, donations made up less than 30% of total 2019 revenues, and endowments do not exceed \$3 billion. Eligible nonprofits could take out non-forgivable loans ranging from \$250,000 to \$300 million at an interest rate of less than 4%. [Public Comments](#) may be submitted until Monday, June 22.

• Advocate to get [H.R. 40: Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act](#) passed. The bill was introduced to the House in January 2019 and needs to be considered by the committee before it can be sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.

WRITE OR CALL CONGRESS

STATE UPDATES

• [Juneteenth Executive Order](#) - Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday for state employees, in recognition of the official emancipation of African Americans throughout the United States.

• Emergency Rent Relief Act Signed - On June 17 Governor Cuomo signed [A10552/S8419](#), the *Emergency Rent Relief Act*, which sets aside \$100 million for rental assistance for rent-burdened tenants.

• State Marketplace Open Enrollment - New York is extending the [open enrollment](#) period to get health insurance through the state marketplace to July 15.

CITY UPDATES

• Councilmembers need to hear directly from organizations on budget justice concerns. Please share [this letter](#) with your contacts in City Council, which you can find on their [website](#).

• City Council Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations hearing [update now on Monday, June 22, 2020](#)

SIGN UP TO TESTIFY OR SUBMIT WRITTEN
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Dance/NYC [Coronavirus Preparedness](#) Resources.
- Dance/NYC [Racial Justice](#) Resources.
- Join the movement: [#ArtistsAreNecessaryWorkers](#).

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