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For freelance dancers in the NYC-metro area



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Made possible by the support of the Ford Foundation, New York Community Trust, and other generous funders, the pilot iteration of the Dance Workforce Resilience (DWR) Fund directly supports individual freelance dancers through one-time \$1,000 grants. Awards are determined through a weighted lottery system that prioritizes the most underpaid and unprotected groups of dance workers. It will distribute \$324,000 over the course of the grant period to 320+ awardees for contracted dance work that includes a public performance or presentation taking place within the NYC metropolitan area, completed between January 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from June 18, 2025 and March 3, 2026. Award notifications will be sent out after each month-long application round.



Overview

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