



Documentary Producers Alliance

COVID-19 RESOURCES

We will continue to update this list as new resources present themselves/as we are able.

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1. FINANCIAL AID / GRANTS

[IDA Updated COVID Resources for Documentary Creators](#) Jan 2021

[From the Heart Productions Documentary Emergency Relief Fund](#) (\$1,000 available for 10 months from Jan 2021, Submissions open 1/2/21)

[Chicken & Egg Pictures / Women Make Movies AlumNest Relief Fund](#) (for grantees only, new allocation in the fall, see [RealScreen article](#) 8/26/20)

[GIPA/DocSociety Documentary Impact Producer Relief Fund](#) (First round closes 6/8, other rounds close 7/17 and 8/19)

[Wavelength Productions Keep The Lights On Fund](#) \$5-\$10K Grants for films in post Apply by 5/15

[Sundance Institute Announces \\$1M Emergency Relief Fund for Independent Artists and Organizations](#)

[Film Independent Emergency Filmmaker Support Fund](#) \$500-\$5,000 grants for Film Independent Fellows

[The Save Small Business Fund](#) Opens Monday April 20, 2020: Grants up to \$5,000

[NEA CARES Act Grants](#) Deadline 4/22/20 (part 1), 5/4/20 (part 2)
[Info session on Zoom](#) 4/20 12 noon PT / 3PM ET

[Field of Vision/Topic Studios Documentary Freelancer Relief Fund](#)

Field of Vision is accepting applications for individual grants up to \$2k from their emergency relief fund beginning 9am ET on 4/8, until 6pm ET on 4/10 or until they receive 750 applications. There will be a 2nd round May 6-8.

[Artist Relief Emergency Initiative](#) \$5K grants Round 1: 4/8-4/23

[American Documentary COVID-19 Artist Emergency Fund](#)

[SBA COVID-19 Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources](#)

[IDA COVID-19 Grants Directory](#)

[IDA Navigating US Unemployment Compensation as a Filmmaker](#)

[IDA Filmmaker's Guide to Applying for US Coronavirus Federal Relief](#) (downloadable)

Includes Resources for Undocumented Immigrants from the [National Immigration Law Center](#) (see webinar in next section) and [Informed Immigrant](#)

[Freelancers Union: What the CARES Act Means for Freelancers](#)

[Freelancers Union: How the Paycheck Protection Program Can Help Freelancers](#)

[Vox How To Get Coronavirus Unemployment Insurance](#)

Current [Unemployment Insurance](#) for independent contractors / self-employed
[Information by State](#)

** See important information on CARES Act in Webinars section below**

[NYFA Emergency Grants](#) (Nationwide)

[Rauschenberg Foundation Emergency Medical Grants for Artists](#)

[Actors Fund](#) (all industry)

[The Producers Guild of America Members Relief Fund](#) Up to \$1K, PGA members

[National Geographic Covid-19 Emergency Fund for Journalists](#) \$1,000-\$8,000 call for proposals

[Pulitzer Center Coronavirus News Collaboration Challenge](#) \$5,000-\$30,000 for journalistic projects

[Creative Change COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Stipend](#) - \$1000

[Global Giving Red Backpack Fund](#) (Elevating Female Entrepreneurs) - \$5000

[Society of American Archivists Archival Workers Emergency Fund](#) (Archival Producers can apply) Applications on a rolling basis until 12/31/20

2. WEBINARS/CONSULTS

[NYWIFT Talks: COVID-19 Compliance](#) 4/8/21 4PM EST

[DOC NYC Webinar Zoom and the Art of Pandemic Producing](#) 1/27/21 1PM EST \$19

[Stage 32 Webinar How to Shoot Your Project Safely During COVID](#) 1/21/21 1PM PST \$49

[Dear Producer Free Webinar Launching a Film During a Pandemic](#) 1/13/21 2PM PT/5PM ET

[C21FM TODAY](#) 11/26: Showrunner Sheri Elwood, Yellow Bird producer Georgie Mathew, producer Charlotte Surtees and Film London and British Film Commission CEO Adrian Wootton talk about producing in a post-pandemic world. (Recording available)

[DPA Regional Committee/New Orleans Film Festival Panel Find a Way: Documentary Producing Under COVID](#) 11/16 6PM CT, 7PM ET, 4PM PT (free) Recording available until 11/23

[IFP The Future of Production: Shooting During The Pandemic Panel](#) 11/16 7PM EST

[NYWIFT Talks 2020 - new weekly series](#) starts 8/20 at 1:30PM ET Check [events calendar](#) (ongoing)

[Firelight Media Beyond Resilience - Production During Crisis: Ethics, Care and Imagination](#) (6/12 4PM ET) New topic every Friday

[DOC Institute Canada Industry COVID Webinars](#) including Distribution and Festivals in the Time of C19 (6/11 4PM ET)

[RealScreen Video Roundtable: Getting Back to Business with New Production Protocols](#) (45' video)

[Full Frame Speakeasy Conversations: Online Festival Strategy for Documentary Filmmakers](#) Free webinar (6/2 3PM ET)

[CA Governor Newsom's Economic Recovery Roundtable on Film and Television](#) (5/20 recording)

[PACT Webinar: U.S. Networks & Factual Producers: Get Ready for the Content Desert!](#) (recording of 5/19)

[Third World Newsreel and Documentary Forum at CCNY Filmmakers of Color: Distribution and Exhibition Now](#) 5/5 6:30-9:30PM EST

[Sundance Co//Ab Film Financing in Uncertain Times Webinar](#) 4/29 2:00-4:00 EST
(watch recording)

[Visions du Réel Film Industry Under Corona Times](#) panel recording 4/30/20

[ITVS/IDA/Firelight Media Webinars on Applying for Federal Aid as a Filmmaker](#)
(4/3, 4/6, 4/7) Watch replay of [4/3 session](#), [4/6 session](#), [4/7 session](#).

[DPA Notes on Webinar](#)

[Overview Guide and FAQs](#)

Sign Up for Helpdesk Session: [4/9 11AM PST](#), [4/9 12PM PST](#), [4/10 11AM PST](#), [4/10 12PM PST](#)

[IDA/ITVS/Firelight Media Perspective Fund One-on-One Consultations with CPA](#)
For filmmakers applying for federal coronavirus relief

[National Immigration Law Center COVID-19 Webinar](#) (4/16 powerpoint)

[Raben Impact Group, Friends at Work, and Harness CARES Act Webinar](#)
Recording

[Field of Vision Virtual Consults](#)

[Dear Producer Reimagining Film Festivals for the Future Free Webinar](#) (5/22, 11PT/2ET with DPA co-founder Marilyn Ness)

[Dear Producer Producers Navigating the Unknown Free Webinar](#) (4/3/20, 11PT/2ET) Watch the [replay video](#)

[Dear Producer The Uncertainty of Documentary Producing](#) (5/1, 2PM ET)
[Watch replay](#)

[Howlround Theatre Recorded Panel on Artists in a Time of Global Pandemic](#)

[Film Festival Alliance Virtual Roundtables](#) (recordings available [here](#))

[Screen Talk: The Challenges and Opportunities for Film Festivals During Covid-19](#)
Replay of 4/9 convo

[Together Films Events](#) and [Digital Perspectives Webinars](#) Replays

[Sundance](#) offering online Co//ab Courses for Free

[NYFA Webinars](#)

[NYWIFT Brave New World: Reimagining Film Festivals in a Time of Crisis](#) 4/30 6-7:30

[NYWIFT Webinar on Mental Health and Career Sustainability in the Doc World](#) 3/31

Recording

[NYWIFT Individual and Small Business Planning During COVID-19](#) 5/1 12:30-2:00 ET

[Other Recent NYWIFT Webinars](#) Recordings

[Upcoming NYWIFT Webinars](#)

[DOCNYC Safe and Secure Production](#) 2 day webinar 6/16-17 2-3pm ET

[DOCNYC PRO Editing & Finishing Your Film Remotely](#) 5/19-20 2-3PM EST

[DOCNYC CraftEd Webinars](#) Sign up and watch replays

Includes new [Friday Fix weekly series](#) hosted by Thom Powers (starting 4/24)

[DOCNYC Friday Fix Ep2](#) 5/1 2:00-3:00PM ET [Ep 3 - 5/8](#)

[DOCNYC Filmmaker Resources During COVID-19](#) (includes online classes and events)

[The D-Word Special Topic on Doc Industry and COVID-19: How Do We Adapt](#)

[The D-Word Special Topic: Mental Health and the Documentary Business](#)

[The D-Word Face2Face Weekly Meetings](#) Next one Friday 5/8 12:00-1:30 EST, [Friday 5/15](#)

[IDA Listening Session: Creative Ways to Shoot in Time of COVID-19](#) 4/13, 11AM PST

[IFP and Freelancer's Hub Skillshare Webinar](#) 4/14 12:30PM EST

[IFP The Future of Distribution Webinar](#) 5/14 7:00-8:30PM EST

[SFFILM Online FilmHouse Talk: Creative Distribution with Liz Manashil](#) 5/5 12PM

PST

SFFILM is extending a discount code to DPA members. Use the above link and enter promo code: B3278ZW

[San Francisco Public Press Podcast Documentary Film Industry Responds to Pandemic](#) 4/28

[Bronx Documentary Center Covering the Pandemic-Photojournalists in NYC](#) 5/9
6PM EST

[CPH: DOX The Challenge of Realising a Digital Festival During the Coronavirus Pandemic: Experiences and an Exchange of Best Practices](#) recording 4/10/20

[Broadcast Newswrap Podcast: Freelancers, soaring Netflix subs and self-isolation drama](#) (UK)

[Emerson Collective The Way Forward](#) weekly live talks hosted by The Atlantic

[Visions du Réel Industry Talks](#) Film Festivals/Film Industry under Corona Times

[AFEX Back to Work: The impact of COVID-19 on International Production, Financing and Distribution Webinar](#) (5/26 11AM PT)

[AFEX Back to work: The current status of film and TV financing models and updated insurance liability strategies](#) (7/15 11AM PT)

3. PRODUCTION PROTOCOLS

[Pact UK TV Production Guidance updated and new TV quarantine exemption introduced](#) (12/10/20)

[NPACT Anonymous COVID Hotline](#) (Realscreen 9/23/20)

[Documentary Organization of Canada COVID-19 Best Practices](#) (9/29/20)

[Producers Guild of America COVID Safety Protocols](#) (downloadable PDF 8/28/20)

[PGA Tips from the Field](#)

[DGA/SAG-AFTRA/IATSE/Teamsters "The Safe Way Forward"](#) (June 2020)

[Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers Proposed COVID-19 Guidelines for CA and NY](#)

[Australian Screen Production COVID-Safe Guidelines](#) downloadable PDF

[California to Issue Film and TV Production Guidelines 5/25](#)

[Georgia COVID-19 Best Practices for Film and TV](#) downloadable PDF

[**Doc Society, Field of Vision, Sundance Institute** COVID-19 Risk Assessment for Independent Documentary Filmmakers](#)

[**Storyhunter** Freelancers and Production Companies Survey](#) on shooting during COVID

[**Storyhunter** Video Production Guidelines during COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Training for Visual Journalists](#) (video)

[**European Film Commissions Network** Production Safety Guidelines](#)

[French C19 Production Guidelines](#) (agreed by all unions/guilds, to be ratified by CNC)

[Iceland and Poland to Resume Production in Coming Week](#) (5/14)

[UK TV Production Guidance: Managing the Risk of Coronavirus in Production](#)

[UK government confirms film and TV production can restart within social distancing guidelines](#)

[British Film Commission Draft Safety Protocols](#)

[The Ethics of Documentary Production in a Pandemic](#) (Carrie Lozano, IDA)

[Film Florida Recommendations for Production Sets](#) downloadable PDF

[Filming Abroad During COVID-19 Pandemic](#) Production Service Network country guide

[Guidelines for Film Production in Sweden & Denmark](#)

[Spain Production Protocols](#) (in Spanish)

[English Version](#)

[India C19 Production Protocols](#)
[COVID Production Best Practices](#)

[Remote Editing Facebook thread](#)

[Remote Shooting with Zoom - Tips](#)

[IDA Webinar on Creative Ways to Shoot](#) 4/13, 11AM PST / 2PM EST

4. GENERAL RESOURCES

[TIME'S UP](#) [Guide to Equity and Inclusion During Crisis](#)

[DOC](#) [Canada Releases COVID-19 Impact Survey Results](#) (Download [Survey Results](#))

[Dear Producer](#) [Resources for Artists During Covid-19](#)

[Emerson Collective](#) [Resources for Wellness During COVID-19](#)

[Emerson Collective](#) [Resources to Support Your Community](#)

[Thriving Filmmaker](#) [Comprehensive List of Resources](#)

[Covid-19 Freelance Artist Resources on **Wordpress**](#)

[Sundance](#) [Curated COVID Resources](#)

[Creative Capital](#) [List of Arts Resources - including Regional Ones](#)

[NYFA](#) [COVID-19 Resources \(not just NY\)](#)

[NEA](#) [Resources for Artists and Arts Organizations \(some repetition of links\)](#)

[IFP](#) [Resource Guide for Filmmakers and Creatives During COVID-19 Crisis](#)

[DOCNYC](#) [Filmmaker Resources During COVID-19](#)

[Women Make Movies](#) [Resources for Artists with Lost or Reduced Wages](#)

[**NYWIFT** COVID-19 Resources](#)

[**Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts** COVID-19 Resources](#)

[**Together Films** Stay Home Watch Together Campaign](#) (submit films that need support, one film a day is selected)

[**Great Big Story** Buying Existing Drone Footage and Open Call for Pitches](#)
[**Storyhunter** #CreativeUnderQuarantine Contest](#) Deadline 5/3 \$500-\$3000 prizes

[**Cynopsis** is offering free ads for media industry job seekers 4/6-4/12](#)

[**Film Sprites PR** Pro bono PR services for films with festival cancellations](#)

[**Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP** Launches Online Coronavirus Relief Center to Help Those Impacted Financially by Pandemic](#) (National)

[**IDA** Survey on Impact of COVID-19 on Filmmakers](#)

[**The Film Collaborative** Blog Film Festival Distribution in the Age of COVID-19](#)

[**Women and Hollywood** Crowdfunding Campaigns Support](#) Rolling applications

[**Seed&Spark** Coronavirus Crowdfunding Tips](#)
[**Seed&Spark** 2020 Film Festival Survival Pledge](#)

[**Film Festival Database** has added details for COVID-19 changes and cancelations](#)

[**Picture Motion** Virtual Screening & Webinar Platforms To Facilitate Digital Screening Events](#)

[**DCTV** Free Software Info](#)

[**MONO NO AWARE** Film Care Package Initiative](#)

[**Archive Valley** Free Footage Requests](#) and [Free Archival Consultations](#)

If you have budding teenage journalists at home: [NewsHound's Media Outlets for Teenagers List](#) and their [Guide to Student journalism](#)

[IATSE Coronavirus Update Portal](#)

[IATSE petition to tell Congress to include displaced entertainment workers in relief package](#)

[American for the Arts petition to Congress for support for the arts](#)

[American for the Arts Economic Impact of the Virus on the Arts and Culture Sector](#)

5. REGIONAL RESOURCES

NYC/TRI-STATE AREA

[NYFA Tri-State Relief Fund to Support Non-Salaried Workers in the Visual Arts](#)

Applications: May 5-6, May 19-20, June 2-3 (inc. archivists, artist assistants, cataloguers, database/digital assets specialists, image scanners/digitizers, etc.)

[Webinar: COVID-19 Relief for Artists, Freelancers, and Gig Workers](#): Recording on FB

[Your Money: A Hub for Help During the Coronavirus Crisis](#) (New York Times, 3/24/20)

[NYC Small Businesses Services for Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus](#)

[NYC Employee Retention Grant Program](#)

[NYC Small Business Continuity Fund](#)

[Free School Meals](#)

[DCTV Workshops](#)

[The New School Vera List Center for Art and Politics COVID-19 Resource Tool Kit for Artists and Our Extended Communities](#)

LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTY/ CALIFORNIA

[California Employment Development Department Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(EDD\)](#)

[EDD Unemployment Insurance Online](#)

[Jewish Free Loan Association Loans](#) for residents of LA and Ventura county

[Collective of Documentary Women Cinematographers California AB5 Resources for Indie Film Folks](#) (about California's new AB5 "gig worker" law pre-COVID but useful org)

CHICAGO / MIDWEST

[Illinois Lawyers for the Creative Arts - Coronavirus Brief Service Response Center](#)

[Chicago Emergency Rent Assistance](#)

[Minnesota Springboard for the Arts Emergency Fund](#)

SOUTHERN STATES

[South Arts Individual Artists Career Opportunity Grants](#)

[COVID Information and Resources for Georgia's Entertainment Industry](#)

[Southern Documentary Fund COVID-19 Resources for Southern Filmmakers/Artists](#)

TEXAS

[Texas Film Commission COVID-19 Updated Resources & Communication for Creatives](#)

D.C.

[DC Small Business Recovery Microgrants](#)

COLORADO

[CBCA Resources to Support the Arts During Coronavirus](#)

[OEDIT COVID-19 Business Resource Center](#) (includes small loans, unemployment insurance)

UK

[Creative England Coronavirus Guidance from the Sector](#)

[Creative Industries Federation](#)

6. ARTICLES

[Is Remote Video Production Here To Stay?](#) (Storyhunter, 2/24/21)

[COVID training program launches in UK](#) (Realscreen, 11/6)

[UK film, TV production allowed to continue under new national lockdown](#)
(Realscreen, 11/2)

[Archives help bridge the gap in the "Content Desert" that will follow COVID production shutdowns](#) (Documentary Business, 6/1)

[The \(UK\) government's new film production guidelines risk massive damage to UK industry](#) (The Guardian, 6/1)

[Special Report: Welcome to the New World of Festivals](#) (Peter Broderick 5/25)

[Hollywood pushes back on Gavin Newsom's plans to restart filming](#) (SFGate, 5/22)

[Inside Hollywood's Pricey Plans to Restart Production](#) (Variety, 5/20/20)

[10 Questions Every Filmmaker Should Ask When a Festival Opts to go Online](#)
(Seed&Spark, 5/19/20)

[Filmmakers Should Avoid Online Film Festivals, Unless They Ask These Questions](#) by Brian Newman (Indiewire, 5/6/20)

[The Race to Make the First Coronavirus Documentary Has Begun](#) (New York Magazine, 4/30/20)

[Film Production is Shut Down But Documentaries Are Still Being Made. Here's How](#) (LA Times, 4/30/20)

[Independent Filmmakers. Coronavirus and the Lost Spring of 2020](#) (San Francisco Public Press, 4/28/20)

[C21Media's new content industry community radio station](#) Includes interviews on all aspects of how the coronavirus is impacting the industry

[How Iceland Resumed Production Mid-Pandemic – and Hopes to Bring in Foreign Crews in May](#) (The Wrap, 4/27/20)

[Survey Shows Grim Coronavirus Impact to Film Creatives; 71 Percent Fully Unemployed](#) (IndieWire, 4/24/20)

[COVID-19: UK indies report \\$313M in losses, dwindling reserves in Pact survey](#) (Realscreen, 4/17/20)

[Dear Non-Profits, Small Businesses, Artists, Freelancers, Gig Workers, Self-Employers, Part-Timers, and Solo Shop Warriors Wondering What's Next: This Money is For You. Please Take It](#) by Amanda Kool (Medium, updated 4/10/20)

Brian Newman Newsletter:

[Where's the Filmmaker in Your Online Festival Planning?](#)

[Ideas for Responding to COVID in the Film Industry](#)

[Confronting the New Reality COVID and Film](#)

[Inventing the New Reality](#)

[The Coronavirus Crisis Threatens European Film](#) (Cineuropa, 4/3/20, updated 5/5/20) Includes list of initiatives by country

[Broadcasters and Pact Unite for Freelancers Masterplan](#) UK (Broadcast, 4/3/20)

[Sony Establishes \\$100 Million COVID-19 Global Relief Fund](#): includes entertainment industry (press release, 4/2/20)

[Amazon Prime Video to Stream Titles from SXSW for Free](#) Filmmakers to receive streaming fee (The Wrap, 4/2/20)

[The Small Business Bail Out Just Got a Lot Better](#) (New York Magazine, 4/1/20)

[Mindfulness in the Midst of COVID](#) (Realscreen, 3/30/20)

[Ideas for responding to Covid in the Film Industry](#) (Brian Newman Newsletter)

[Weathering the Storm: Film, TV Distributors Find Opportunities Amid the Crisis](#) (Realscreen, 3/25/20)

[Privilege and Pandemic: How COVID-19 Reveals the Documentary Sustainability Crisis](#) (Indiewire, 3/24/20)

[Tired of Netflix? Stream Experimental Films and Video Art](#) (Hyperallergic, 3/24/20)
Includes list of artists making their films available for free streaming

[BFI, Netflix back Covid-19 fund](#) (C21 Media, 3/24/20) We should petition the US to do the same

[That Discomfort You're Feeling is Grief](#) (Harvard Business Review, 3/23/20)

[Entertainment Industry Foundation Launches Coronavirus Response Fund](#) (Variety, 3/23/20)

[Global Economists to U.K. Government: 'Self-Employed Have Been Left Out in the Cold'](#) (Variety, 3/23/20)

[Coronavirus economic relief proposals are overlooking the 57 million Americans who are self-employed](#) (Fortune, 3/20/20)

[Netflix Pledges \\$100 Million in Relief to Out-of-Work Production Community](#) (The Hollywood Reporter, 3/20/20)

[You Can Take Care of Yourself in Coronavirus Quarantine or Isolation, Starting Right Now](#) (New York Times, 3/20/20)

[All the Ways Hollywood Workers Can Get Financial Help](#) (Variety, 3/20/20)

[Almost half of UK Film and TV Freelancers Lost Money from Coronavirus, Survey](#) (Variety, 3/18/20)

[The Film Community Adapts Amid Festival and Premiere Cancelations](#) (Vimeo blog, 3/18/20)

[Lessons for the Movie Industry from the 1918 Influenza Pandemic](#) (New Yorker, 3/17/20)

[Against Productivity in a Pandemic](#) (New Republic, 3/17/20)

[Humanity in times of COVID-19: How to help each other properly](#) (Medium, 3/15/20)