



EMERGENCY RESOURCES



The Wine Country Fires of 2017 remind us that natural disasters are indiscriminating in who they impact individually, yet also of the depth of our inherent instincts to help collectively. Recovery will be a long and difficult journey, but will surely also be filled with miracles of many shapes and sizes.

Creative Sonoma and [Arts Council Napa Valley](#) are partnering to provide our artists with links to emergency relief assistance available for those affected by the fires. Thanks go out to the Actors Fund and MusiCares for their previous collection of many of these resources.

Please continue to check [CreativeSonoma.org](#) as we are updating it regularly as we come across new resources - and send any assistance sites you encounter our way as well.

Stay strong.

Creative Sonoma

RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS FOR ARTISTS

The Actors Fund for Arts & Entertainment - serves the arts and entertainment community including emergency financial assistance, affordable housing, health care and insurance counseling. Click on "Services and Programs" and then "Social Services & Financial Assistance."

Authors League Fund - helps professional writers and dramatists who find themselves in financial need because of medical problems, temporary loss of income, or other misfortune.

CERF+ - serves artists who work in craft disciplines by providing a safety net to support strong and sustainable careers. Core services include emergency relief. Click on "Get Relief."

California Jazz Foundation - provides emergency financial assistance to jazz musicians and others who have made substantial contributions to the art form.
Jazz Foundation Of America - offers aid to elder jazz and blues musicians in crisis.
Joan Mitchell Foundation - provides emergency grants for painters and sculptors who have suffered physical losses due to a natural disaster.

MusiCares- provides a safety net of critical assistance for music people in times of need including emergency financial assistance. Click "Contact MusiCares" or call 1.800.687.4227.

Musicians Foundation - helps professional musicians by providing emergency financial assistance in meeting current living, medical and allied expenses. All professional musicians are eligible to apply.

PEN Writers Emergency Fund - funds professional (published or produced) writers in acute, emergency financial crisis.

Sweet Relief Musicians Fund - provides financial assistance to career musicians who are facing illness, disability, or age-related problems.

American Society of Journalists and Authors - helps freelance writers who, because of illness, disability, or a natural disaster are unable to work. Recipients do not need to be members of ASJA.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

2-1-1 - call 2-1-1 to be connected with community services in your area, providing services like food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance and physical and mental health resources.

American Red Cross Sonoma and Napa Chapter- offers information about disaster services, health and safety services, emergency preparation and other programs.
Catholic Charities Santa Rosa - provides emergency food and other services. Click on "Get Help."

Salvation Army - Napa and Sonoma - offers a wide variety of relief services. This website can locate nearby branches by a zip code search.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul -provides emergency financial assistance, emergency transportation and disaster relief and victim services. This website allows users to search for local councils offering assistance.

United Way Sonoma County - United Way funds the Sonoma County 2-1-1 Services through grants (see above).

County of Sonoma Disaster Relief for Property Loss - If your property suffered or has been destroyed by any of the Sonoma County Fire, our hearts go out to you. The Assessor's Office is here to help.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Americans for the Arts - provides links to tools for artists and arts organizations to be prepared on the front end of an emergency.

Performing Arts Readiness Project - a pilot project that focuses on efforts to raise awareness of the value of and priority for planning for emergencies among performing arts organizations.

As more resources become available and known to us, we will update our **Emergency Resources** webpage.

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The mission of Creative Sonoma is to support and advance the creative community of Sonoma County. We define the creative community as individuals, organizations and businesses whose work is creative at its core. This includes artists, nonprofit cultural organizations, and creative enterprises such as design firms, galleries, recording and video studios, and more.



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