

Hurricane Sandy/Disaster Relief Resources

Many artists and arts organizations in our region are working to recover from severe damages as a result of the storm. Below is a list of recovery resources we are aware of that we hope you will find helpful.

1.) Your first steps should be to call FEMA and the SBA.

Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA)

Residents and business owners who suffered damage due to Hurricane Sandy can begin applying for Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA). To register go to www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Saturday until further notice.

Guide to Navigating FEMA and SBA Disaster Aid for Cultural Institutions

<http://www.mmsend49.com/link.cfm?r=15406437&sid=15218906&m=1515773&u=Museum&j=7061725&s=http://www.heritagepreservation.org/federal/Index.html>

This website is meant as a general guide for cultural institutions seeking federal funding to aid in disaster response and recovery.

2.) Let us know what's happening. A brief survey is available so we can assess need across the state.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1079355/Assessing-Impact-of-Hurricane-Sandy-on-NJ-Artists-Arts-Organizations>

For Individual Artists:

Visual Artists:

Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+) <http://craftemergency.org/>

CERF+ (Craft Emergency Relief Fund + Artists' Emergency Resources) along with its partners in the [National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response](#) are committed to providing and connected people to emergency relief.

- [CERF+ Artists' Relief Exchange](#): If you know an artist who needs help and/or if you can offer help (supplies, equipment, a place to stay or work, help in clean up, etc.), join in this Exchange.
- [CERF+ Emergency Response web page](#): A compilation of the most critical resources including tips on getting assistance from FEMA, a listing of arts sector emergency resources, and some of the most relevant parts of the [Studio Protector Online Guide](#) such as information about disaster assessment and salvage.
- [CERF+'s disaster relief assistance](#): Grants up to \$3,000 and interest-free loans up to \$8,000 for any professional craft artist who has suffered significant losses.

Joan Mitchell Foundation – support for individual artists and arts organizations

<http://joanmitchellfoundation.org/news/hurricane-sandy-assistance>

Pollack-Krasner Foundation – professional visual artists

Emergency grants will be expedited. Contact Kerrie Buitrago, Executive Vice President 212-517-5400 www.pkf.org or grants@pkf.org

Performing Artists:

The Actors Fund:

<http://actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/resources>

800-221-7303

Contact: Barbara Davis – bdavis@actorsfund.org

Music Cares

<http://www.grammy.org/musicares/hurricane-sandy-relief>

877-303-6962 or 877-626-2748

Application for assistance link:

http://www.grammy.org/files/pages/sandy_relief_app.pdf

For Arts Organizations:

American Institute for Conservation—Collections Emergency Response Team (AIC-CERT)

The American Institute for Conservation, the national association of conservation professionals, is offering free emergency response assistance to cultural organizations with collections. AIC-CERT is supported and managed by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC) and consists of a force of 107 “rapid responders” trained to assess damage and initiate salvage of cultural collections after a disaster has occurred. AIC-CERT volunteers have provided advice to dozens of museums, libraries, and archives and they remain ready to assist.

Resources and information on disaster recovery and salvage: www.conservation-us.org/disaster

Get advice or make an appointment, call the 24-hour assistance line: 202.661.8068

NJ Association of Museums

Many of us are still assessing the damage of Hurricane Sandy. NJAM is initiating a volunteer network to assist museums in need. If you'd like to be included on a volunteer list to help museums in need in the aftermath of Sandy, please email njassociationofmuseums@gmail.com and put "Volunteer" in the subject line. Please include your contact information and any special skills you may offer to the recovery process.

If you'd like to report your museum as a museum-in-need, please email njassociationofmuseums@gmail.com and put "Hurricane Sandy" in the subject line. Please include your contact information and a description of your anticipated needs.

IRS Announces Relief for Non-Profits and Businesses Affected by Superstorm Sandy

Various Filing, Reporting and Payment Deadlines Extended

The Internal Revenue Service [has announced](#) the extension of a variety of tax filing and payment deadlines for businesses and organizations affected by Hurricane Sandy.

IRS Press Release #IR-2012-83 says, in part:

“Following recent disaster declarations for individual assistance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the IRS announced today that affected taxpayers in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York will receive tax relief. Other locations may be added in coming days based on additional damage assessments by FEMA.

*“The tax relief postpones various tax filing and payment deadlines that occurred starting in late October. As a result, affected individuals and businesses will have until Feb. 1, 2013 to file these returns and pay any taxes due. This includes the fourth quarter individual estimated tax payment, normally due Jan. 15, 2013. **It also includes payroll and excise tax returns and accompanying payments for the third and fourth quarters, normally***

due on Oct. 31, 2012 and Jan. 31, 2013 respectively. It also applies to tax-exempt organizations required to file Form 990 series returns with an original or extended deadline falling during this period.

"The IRS will abate any interest, late-payment or late-filing penalty that would otherwise apply. The IRS automatically provides this relief to any taxpayer located in the disaster area. Taxpayers need not contact the IRS to get this relief.

"Beyond the relief provided by law to taxpayers in the FEMA-designated counties, the IRS will work with any taxpayer who resides outside the disaster area but whose books, records or tax professional are located in the areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. All workers assisting the relief activities in the covered disaster areas who are affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization are eligible for relief. Taxpayers who live outside of the impacted area and think they may qualify for this relief need to contact the IRS at 866-562-5227."

Currently, in New Jersey the IRS' filing and payment relief apply to the following counties (starting Oct. 26): Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset and Union. Certain areas of New York and Connecticut are also covered.

For more information and links to other IRS guidance related to Superstorm Sandy, , see <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Provides-Tax-Relief-to-Victims-of-Hurricane-Sandy;-Return-Filing-and-Tax-Payment-Deadline-Extended-to-Feb.-1,-2013> .

Other NJ Resources:

New Jersey Office of Emergency Management

<http://ready.nj.gov/>

NJ 2-1-1 Hurricane Response and Recovery

<http://nj211.org/hurricane.cfm#Assistance>

On this page and those linked to it you will find information about FEMA assistance and how to apply; clean-up resources and local recovery efforts.

Library of Congress

Emergency Drying Procedures for Water Damaged Collections

<http://www.loc.gov/preservation/care/dry.html>

National Trust for Historical Preservation

Preparation & Response for Cultural Institutions

<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/technical-assistance/disaster-recovery/cultural-institutions-prep.html>

NJ Business Action Center

To support the recovery of New Jersey's businesses and protect the overall economic interests of our state in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Governor Chris Christie and Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno have announced a series of business assistance services for those affected by the storm. Among these vital services are those related to financial support, information on temporary space, and technical assistance for impacted businesses.

Learn more: www.nj.gov/njbusiness

Call: 1.866.534.7789

ArtsReady

ArtsReady provides general and arts-specific preparedness guidance, information on response and recovery resources available to artists and arts organizations, and access to the broad ArtsReady network.

Learn more: <http://www.artsready.org/>

Call: 404.874.7244

Cooperative Business Assistance Corporation

Cooperative Business Assistance Corporation (CBAC) is a nonprofit organization providing market or below market interest rate business loans and technical assistance to small businesses located in or moving into the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey region.

<http://www.cbaclenders.com/home.html>

UCEDC - A Non-Profit Economic Development Corp

UCEDC is an economic development corporation dedicated to providing a variety of services for small businesses including helping them get back to business as quickly as possible after a disaster. Their services include loans to small businesses when conventional lending sources are out of reach.

Learn more: <http://www.ucedc.com/>

Call: 908.527.1166

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