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Storm Recovery Assistance - Additional Resources

Dear Colleagues,

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. If you know of other resources please forward the information to allison.tratner@sos.state.nj.us and the Council will share with others in the field.

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](tel:1-800-621-3362) or [1-800-462-7585](tel: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.

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.

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](tel:202.661.8068)

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>

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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](tel: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](tel: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](tel:908.527.1166)