

The City of Marquette Arts & Culture Office, a division of the Community Services Department, understands the challenges facing our community's creative individuals and organizations during these difficult times. We assembled this document as a way to consolidate all of the information and resources being provided on local, state-wide, and national levels to inform and assist those who are experiencing hardship. The following information is split into three sections - For Individuals, For Small Businesses, and For Organizations. Additional resources and links can be found at the end of the document.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Marquette Arts & Culture staff with any questions about the following information or what else we're doing to help. We are in the office from **9:00am-5:00pm every weekday** and can be contacted via email or phone.

Thank you for all that you have done and all that you continue to do. Marquette is a better, more vibrant place because of you, and we look forward to seeing you and working with you in due time.

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Now offering online educational, entertainment, informational and wellness workshops and other opportunities on our community calendar, www.Marquette365.com!

View virtual events going on around the community or upload your own. Please contact Taylor at (906) 225-4020 with any questions about the calendar or getting your events posted.

COVID-19 RESOURCES & INFORMATION

FOR INDIVIDUALS

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PROGRAM: [National Artist/Creative Worker Relief Fund](#) | [Full Description](#)

DETAILS: To support artists during the COVID-19 crisis, a coalition of national arts grantmakers have come together to create an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists across the United States. Artist Relief will distribute \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19; serve as an ongoing informational resource; and co-launch the [COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers](#), designed by [Americans for the Arts](#), to better identify and address the needs of artists.

To be eligible for a relief grant, applicants must be:

- Practicing artists able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to their work, careers, and a public audience;
- Experiencing dire financial emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 21 years of age or older;
- Able to receive taxable income in the U.S. (e.g. citizen, green card holder, and/or permanent resident who can provide a W9 and SSN or ITIN);
- Residing and working in the U.S. for the last two years

The fund will operate through September 2020 and will fund at least 100 artists per week. The application will be open in cycles based on these exact dates:

- ~~— Cycle I: April 8 – April 23 (closes 11:59pm ET)~~
- ~~— Cycle II: April 24 – May 21 (closes 11:59pm ET)~~
- ~~— Cycle III: May 22 – June 18 (closes 11:59pm ET)~~
- Cycle IV: June 19 - July 23 (closes 11:59pm ET)
- Cycle V: July 24 - August 20 (closes 11:59pm ET)

APPLY: [Website](#)

BLOG: [Community Engagement in the times of COVID-19](#)

ARTICLE: [Arts Support Included in Federal COVID-19 Relief Bill](#)

SURVEY: [COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers](#)

Please consider completing this survey. The information gathered will be crucial to telling the story of creative workers and making sure that you are supported during this ongoing crisis and eventual recovery.

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ARTS MIDWEST | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

A nonprofit regional arts organization headquartered in Minneapolis, Arts Midwest serves audiences, arts organizations, and artists throughout the midwestern United States. Over the years, Arts Midwest's portfolio of programs has evolved to include performing, visual, and literary arts and leadership development initiatives that provide opportunities for communities to engage with arts and culture.

FLOWCHART: [Creative Professional Support](#)

This is an informative flowchart for Freelancers and Creative Professionals, a snapshot guide for folks who have lost current or upcoming full- or part-time work

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FOR ORGANIZATIONS

MCACA | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

The Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs (MCACA) is the state government's lead agency charged with developing arts and culture policy and grant-making. MCACA is made up of up to 15 members who are appointed by the Governor, and also has an internal staff at MEDC.

Community Foundation of Marquette County | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

Founded in 1988, the Community Foundation of Marquette County is a nonprofit organization that addresses community opportunities, provides grant opportunities to local nonprofit organizations, builds endowment funds that benefit our community in perpetuity and help create personal legacies, and provides scholarships to graduating seniors in Marquette County and individuals pursuing higher education.

PROGRAM: [Community Response Fund](#) | [Full Description](#)

DETAILS: United Way of Marquette County has collaborated with the Community Foundation of Marquette County to establish the COVID-19 Community Response fund for people to donate to to help meet immediate needs in the community related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will support the nonprofits who are serving vulnerable populations during this time.

The Community Foundation has also joined together with local foundations and funders to prepare for an extended response to address the near- and long-term implications the COVID-19 pandemic will have on area nonprofits and small businesses. Details on these efforts will be forthcoming.

Administered by the CFofMC, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Marquette County will provide flexible resources to organizations in our area working with communities who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the economic impact of this outbreak.

During this time of uncertainty and isolation with the coronavirus, we are deeply concerned about how this will impact the most vulnerable in our community. Marquette County has always been committed to coming together in supporting each other during times of crisis and ensuring those who struggle financially and economically are supported in every way possible.

Many of our nonprofit partners have been working on these very issues to ensure the greatest needs of the community are being met especially in a critical and unpredictable crisis. Please consider supporting this fund. Grants will be distributed to Marquette county nonprofits and will:

- Assist with immediate and anticipated direct service needs/gaps
- Maintain or expand critical internal operations and infrastructure
- Support costs associated with additional volunteer capacity as needed

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Grants range from \$0 - 2,000. Applications can be submitted on a rolling basis. Donate or Apply at the links below.

DONATE: [CFofMC Website](#) | **APPLY:** [CFoMC Website](#)

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WEBINAR: Ask an Expert: Impact on the Performing Arts | [YouTube Link](#)

This 1-hour webinar put on by the Alliance of Performing Arts Conferences gathered gathered experts Heather Noonan (League of American Orchestras), Matthew Covey (Tamizdat), Paul Bassman (Ascend Insurance Brokerage) Ali Sachedina (JioSaavn), and Heather VanDyke (SXSW) to discuss and answer questions about the current business, legal, and financial realities facing the performing arts sector.

ARTICLE: [\\$75 Million in Relief Aid Funding Through CARES Act](#)

The National Endowment for the Arts recently announced that it will distribute \$75 million in relief funding through the CARES Act to help nonprofit organizations survive the forced closure of their operations in response to the spread of COVID-19. Read all about it on Arts Midwest's website at the link above.

SURVEY: [COVID-19 Impact Survey for Arts & Cultural Organizations](#)

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FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

MBank | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

For over 80 years, MBank has been a proactive community bank based in the Upper Peninsula.

PROGRAM: [Small Business Relief Program](#) | [Full Description](#)

MBank is offering immediate small business loans and grants to businesses immediately impacted by COVID-19. Loans and grants may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business. Loans to eligible borrowers must be \$50,000-200,000. Grants are provided up to \$10,000. These programs are for companies with fewer than 100 employees.

Lake Superior Community Partnership | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

The Lake Superior Community Partnership helps its partners make the connections that matter - between businesses, organizations, leaders and legislators, and provides a powerful legislative voice for programs and policies that strengthen our regional economy. The Partnership is built on the belief that efforts to improve our quality of life should be:

1. Truly regional in nature; recognizing that we can accomplish far more together and that our competition is truly global
2. Build around true private-public partnership; recognizing that too often in the past we have not shared responsibility for the progress of our community
3. Focused on community development; recognizing that enduring economic benefit can spring only from a well of true community development and improvement

RESOURCES: [Business Assistance](#)

MEDC | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, in collaboration with more than 100 economic development partners, markets Michigan as the place to do business, assists businesses in their growth strategies, and fosters the growth of vibrant communities across the state.

PROGRAM: [Michigan Small Business Restart Program](#) | [Full Description](#)

DETAILS: The Michigan Strategic Fund approved a \$100 million program that will provide grants to small businesses around Michigan working to recover from the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. The State of Michigan has appropriated this \$100 million from federal CARES Act funding through SB 690, signed into law by Governor Whitmer in early July.

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The MSF authorized distribution of the funding across 15 local or nonprofit economic development organizations covering all 83 counties in the state to providing a base amount of \$3.5 million per EDO for grants up to \$20,000 each to support certain small businesses that have realized a significant financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

InvestUP is the EDO serving on behalf of the Upper Peninsula, and has been granted over \$4.5 million to disseminate.

The application is live as of Wednesday, July 15 and will run through Wednesday, August 5. Funds can be used as working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses or other similar expenses. Businesses must meet certain criteria, listed in the Full Description linked above. At least 30% of the funds awarded must be provided to women-, minority-, or veteran-owned eligible businesses.

Grants range from \$0 - 20,000. Applications can be submitted between July 15-August 5, 2020. Apply at the link below.

APPLY: [MEDC Website](#)

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Travel Marquette | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

Travel Marquette is the official destination marketing organization for Marquette County, where business, recreation, and leisure converge to create an unparalleled experience.

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CUPPAD | [Website](#) - [Facebook](#)

The Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD) provides planning services, economic development services, and multiple initiatives for six counties and 87 communities throughout the central Upper Peninsula. As one of 14 regional planning commissions in the State of Michigan, CUPPAD was established in 1968 as a multi-county organization to pool resources for the assistance of local governments in the central U.P. CUPPAD works through a consultation process with local governments in Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, and Schoolcraft Counties. It is through this process that opportunities and cost-effective solutions are identified to assure physical and economic growth for everyone. Examples of services include grant writing, community surveys, recreation planning, economic and community development, placemaking, and more.

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Particularly of interest - [Michigan Foundations COVID-19 Resource Central](#): Recommendations and strategies from across the country. There's a lot of good information and data about the virus itself, as well as a guide to the various community foundations around the state and what they are currently offering (including the aforementioned CMofMC Community Response Fund).

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