

Industry Resources

ACM Lifting Lives

About

ACM Lifting Lives is the philanthropic partner of the Academy of Country Music, dedicated to improving lives through the power of music, harnessing the strength of the Country Music industry to provide aid to those in need.

ACM Lifting Lives supports the overall well-being of individuals working in Country Music and rises to meet the needs of our community. Further, the organization supports music being used to improve lives and amplifies the goodwill generated by Country Music.

Services

The Diane Holcomb Emergency Relief Fund support emergency financial assistance for situations such as; illness, injury, or natural disasters. The fund can help cover household expenses and medical bills.

Mitchell Tenpenny - Provides grant funding to music industry professionals who are either facing cancer or have a family member with the diagnosis to help reduce financial strain.

Organization Grants - Funding priorities - programs designed to help people heal. Clinical Music Therapy, Therapeutic Interventions, Industry Mental Health

Eligibility

DHERF - Worked full time for two or more years and are currently or recently employed in Country Music.

Mitchell Tenpenny - Worked full time for two or more years and are currently or recently employed in Country Music and a cancer diagnosis or one within a the family

Grant funding - must be a US based 501(c)(3) public charity in good standing. Will not fund music education, fundraisers, lobbying, building and capital campaigns, endowments, or debt retirement.

Website	acmliftinglives.org
Contacts	Taylor Wolf taylor.wolf@acmcountry.com 615-294-4709

AFM Lester Petrillo Memorial Fund for Disabled Musicians

About	The Lester Petrillo Memorial Fund for Disabled Musicians provides a modest grant to temporarily or permanently disabled musicians who are members of the AFM.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Members of American Federation of Musicians experiencing temporary or permanent disability
Website	https://www.afm.org/petrillo-memorial-fund/ Application available through member login
Contacts	917-229-0224

Amber Health

About	Amber Health delivers tailored mental health and wellness solutions for artists, tours, festivals, and music companies. Their team of licensed clinicians offers compassionate, industry-informed care through a wide range of services, from proactive mental health support to on-the-ground clinical programming.
Services	Compassionate, industry informed care through a wide range of services, from proactive, mental health support to one the ground clinical programming. Fully customizable solutions, delived on-site or virtually, anywhere in the world.
Eligibility	Music Industry focused
Website	amber.health
Contacts	Zack Borer zack@amber.health

American Guild of Musical Artists Relief Fund

About	The AGMA Relief Fund offers vital emergency support and temporary financial assistance to AGMA members facing hardship. In partnership with the Entertainment Community Fund (formerly The Actors Fund), this program is administered nationwide and includes access to a wide range of professional social services.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Must be a member in good standing or on honorable withdrawal. "Joining members" in good standing (those who have been a member of AGMA for less than a year) will be allowed to obtain 50% of the benefits available. Assistance can only be provided once a calendar year for requests unrelated to extenuating medical circumstances. Assistance is for genuine hardship. Based on the year. The maximum amount of the grant should not exceed \$1,000.00. <u>Eligibility Information and Application</u>
Website	<u>https://agmarelief.org</u>
Contacts	Eastern Region: <u>eastern@entertainmentcommunity.org</u> , 917-281-5919; Central Region: <u>central@entertainmentcommunity.org</u> , 312-372-0989; Western Region: <u>western@entertainmentcommunity.org</u> , 323-330-2455

Backline

About	Backline is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit connecting music industry professionals and their families with mental health and wellness resources, meeting the industry where it is through Case Management, 24/7 crisis support line, financial aid, tour support, and wellness offerings. Backline maintains a referral network of vetted providers and organizations, and offers Continuing Education for providers.
Services	Case management to help clients find a therapist, financial aid, wellness plans, or tools for managing substance use.

Eligibility	Eligibility Criteria: Must be a US Resident AND must receive 50% or more income derived from music within the last two years OR be a spouse, partner, or child of an eligible individual. <u>Case Management Form</u>
Website	<u>backline.care</u>
Contacts	Hilary Gleason hilary@backline.care Ari Jacobson ari@backline.care

Behind the Scenes

About	The charity provides Basic Needs Grants to entertainment technology professionals, or their immediate dependent family, who are seriously ill or injured. Counseling Grants are available to entertainment technology professionals to assist with therapy or rehab. Natural Disaster Grants provide assistance with small immediate needs. Our Mental Health Initiative provides tools and resources to support all entertainment industry workers and their families and promote mental health and wellness.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Currently reside in the US or Canada. Have earned your living for at least five recent years in the entertainment technology industry. This means that your major source of income is from your work in this industry, which includes being directly involved with a production-related craft: behind the scenes in any type of performance venue, behind the camera, on the road, or work for companies who are directly involved in supplying entertainment technology products and services such as dealers, manufacturers, production or rental companies, consultants, and design firms. <u>Eligibility and Application</u>
Website	<u>https://behindthescenes.org</u>
Contacts	info@behindthescenescharity.org , 212-244-1421

Blues Foundation HART Fund

About	The Blues Foundation established the HART Fund (Handy Artists Relief Trust) for Blues musicians and their families in financial need due to a broad range of health concerns. The Fund provides for acute, chronic and preventive medical and dental care as well as funeral and burial expenses.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Requests for funding should be made by contacting The Blues Foundation directly. Upon contacting the foundation, you will be asked to complete a short application form. A committee will then review your application to ensure that the individual qualifies and the request is for health-related financial needs.
Website	<u>https://www.blues.org/handy-arts-relief-trust-fund</u>
Contacts	To request funding: <u>bluesmembership@blues.org</u>

California Jazz Foundation

About	The California Jazz Foundation is a nonprofit organization created to aid and assist California jazz musicians in need. We are committed to providing access to quality social and economic services for all eligible applicants. We do so through a team of caring, knowledgeable professionals in collaboration with community partners.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Must show at least 5 years of primary employment as a jazz artist, current primary residence in CA, evidence of actual need. <u>Application</u>
Website	<u>https://www.californiajazzfoundation.org</u>
Contacts	818-400-3263, <u>help@californiajazzfoundation.org</u>

Center for Mental Health in Entertainment

About	The Center for Mental Health in Entertainment (CMHE) at Belmont University
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	advances the well-being of the entertainment industry through research, education, and community by equipping individuals, informing organizations, and creating prevention-focused solutions that foster healthier careers and a more resilient industry.
Services	Free in person support groups, large group prevention gatherings and workshops, mental health education for both students and industry, research on the challenges of those working in entertainment and those embarking upon a career in the space, mental health organizational presentations and workshops, soon to be developed help line for those interested in being paired with mental health resources.
Eligibility	Entertainment professionals and Belmont students working in music, film, television and sports.
Website	<u>belmont.edu/mental-health-in-entertainment</u>
Contacts	Debbie Carroll debbie.carroll@belmont.edu 615-584-0050 Jenny Lokey jenny.lokey@belmont.edu 615-460-5771

Creatives Support Network

About	A mental wellness program for songwriters by The Okay Project and The Onsite Foundation
Services	Free, tailored mental wellness support and two day individual intensives for professional songwriters and artists.
Eligibility	Professional songwriter or creator with documented commercially released songs, facing unique mental health and industry demands of the creative field
Website	<u>experienceonsite.com/creatives-support-network/</u>
Contacts	Deanna Wantz deanna@theonsitefoundation.org 615-323-3191

ECCHO Live

About	ECCHO Live focuses on the health and well-being of touring and live event professionals by providing education, resources, and community to address the unique challenges of life on the road and behind the scenes. Services include access to mental health support, professional development, financial wellness resources, and a mental health fund that helps make counseling more accessible for live event professionals.
Services	All Access Program covers four sessions per year for anyone working full-time in the live entertainment industry. The program extends to spouses, partners, and dependents.
Eligibility	Eligibility Criteria: services are available to any person who made a living by working in the live event industry for 2+ years, must earn a full-time living in the live event industry or be a spouse, legal domestic partner, or dependent family members of someone working full-time in the industry <u>Application</u>
Website	<u>eccholive.com/programs</u>
Contacts	Kara Kemp kara@eccholive.com 865-719-4099

Entertainment Community Fund

About	A national nonprofit human services organization for <i>all</i> performing arts and entertainment professionals — including everyone in film, theater, television, music, opera, radio and dance. From locations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, Entertainment Community Fund continues to provide health and wellness, career and life, and housing services designed to help people solve problems and make positive changes in their lives.
Services	Emergency Financial Assistance
Eligibility	If you are currently able to cover your basic living expenses for the next few months, you may not be eligible at this time. If you have access to personal or community resources that can meet your needs, you may be asked to use those resources before applying. If you can work, we expect that you are actively making efforts to secure employment, both within and outside of the industry. Emergency assistance is not intended to address financial need resulting solely from a lack or reduction of work.

Application

Website

<https://entertainmentcommunity.org/am-i-eligible-help>

Contacts

info@entertainmentcommunity.org, NY: 800-221-7303, Chicago: 312-372-0989, LA: 888-825-0911

Family Alliance in Music (FAM)

About

FAM was founded to ensure that no professional ever feels they have to leave the music industry because it isn't sustainable for families. The organization was built on the belief that visibility is the first step toward change. The founders seek to create a community where career ambition and caretaking are no longer mutually exclusive.

Services

Financial Assistance, Education

Eligibility

Varies depending on the grant. See website for current available grants.

Website

<https://www.familyallianceinmusic.org>

Contacts

famallianceinmusic@gmail.com

Gospel Music Trust Fund

About

The Purpose of the Gospel Music Trust Fund is to give financial assistance in the nature of gifts in time of need, in the event of an emergency or major catastrophe, terminal or severe illness without efficient insurance, to individuals who derive or have derived a substantial portion of their income from the field of gospel music. An individual requesting assistance within the purpose of the Trust Fund, for themselves or their children must have ten years of full-time employment within the Gospel/Christian music field.

Services

Financial Assistance

Eligibility

Requests for financial assistance should be made in writing to the Gospel Music Trust Fund. All requests are reviewed and considered by the GMTF trustees and are kept in the strictest of confidence. Financial assistance meeting the Trust

	Fund guidelines and approved by the trustees is paid directly to the applicant's creditors.
Website	https://www.gospelmusictrustfund.org
Contacts	615-969-2781

Grand Ole Opry Trust Fund

About	Started in 1965, the Opry Trust Fund's mission is to help those in the country music industry when they need it the most, by offering financial assistance during their time of need. Examples of distribution needs are medical bills, living expenses, rent or mortgage, utilities, etc.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	The Opry Trust Fund provides financial assistance in time of extraordinary need, emergency or catastrophe to individuals who are or have been employed full time in a facet of the country music industry (i.e. performer, songwriter, publisher, radio, session musician, etc.). The Opry Trust Fund is not able to assist in situations of financial need that result solely from lack of employment, poor sales and/or poor business practices. The Opry Trust Fund accepts referrals from individuals within the country music community, including Opry members, as well as from other charitable organizations, such as MusiCares.
Website	https://www.opry.com/about/opry-trust-fund
Contacts	oprytrustfund@opry.com

IBMA Trust Fund

About	The IBMA Trust Fund was established in 1987 as a means to offer financial assistance to bluegrass music professionals in time of emergency need.
Services	Financial Assistance

Eligibility	The Fund helps eligible bluegrass professionals who are currently or have previously been significantly involved in the industry. This includes, but is not limited to, artists, composers, broadcasters, media representatives, event producers, agents, educators, managers, and employees of record companies. You do not have to be a member of the IBMA to receive aid from the IBMA Trust Fund. Application
Website	https://ibma.org/bluegrass-trust-fund/
Contacts	paul@ibma.org, 615-256-3222

Jazz Bridge

About	Since its inception, Jazz Bridge has confidentially helped local Jazz and Blues musicians and singers in the greater Philadelphia area with a variety of needs, including medical, dental and legal aid, along with advocacy services, home repairs, unpaid bills, and instrument repair. In addition to serving as a valuable safety net, Jazz Bridge connects these performers to other available resources.
Services	Financial Assistance; Connection to resources
Eligibility	<u>Request Assistance</u>
Website	<u>https://www.jazzbridge.org</u>
Contacts	215-517-8337

Jazz Foundation of America; Musicians' Emergency Fund

About	The Jazz Foundation's Musicians' Emergency Fund provides housing assistance, pro bono medical care, disaster relief and direct financial support in times of crisis.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	<u>Request Help</u>

Website	https://jazzfoundation.org/musicians-emergency-fund/
Contacts	212-245-3999, info@jazzfoundation.org

MusiCares

About	MusiCares helps the humans behind music because music gives so much to the world. Offering preventive, emergency, and recovery programs, MusiCares is a safety net supporting the health and welfare of the music community.
Services	Financial assistance and preventive services, offering trusted mental health, addiction recovery, basic living needs, health care and disaster relief to everyone working in music.
Eligibility	Eligibility: a minimum of five years employment in the music industry* (does not have to be full-time or consecutive) OR credits on at least six commercially released recordings (singles) or videos. *reduced to three years for designated disaster relief efforts
Website	musicares.org
Contacts	Theresa Wolters theresa.wolters@musicares.org 202-413-6269 Jennifer Leff jennifer.leff@musicares.org 917-586-8509

Music Health Alliance

About	Music Health Alliance is a nationwide nonprofit helping music professionals access affordable and comprehensive healthcare, including mental health services.
Services	Provides access to health care by removing barriers, finding solutions, and restoring health and hope for music industry professionals nationwide. Guidance and access to state and federal health insurance options for individuals/or family members, Medicare supplemental options for self employed individuals and families, healthcare advocacy, counsel and advocacy to financial help for medications and medical supplies, access to primary care services, dental care, and mental health counseling. Senior Care support through the Price Legacy

	Fund
Eligibility	Mental Health Fund Eligibility: made a living in the music industry for 3+ years verified by MHA and have a projected annual household adjusted gross income at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level if you are seeking financial assistance. <u>Mental Health Fund Application</u>
Website	<u>musichealthalliance.com</u>
Contacts	Tatum Allsep tatum@musichealthalliance.com 615-200-6896

Music Industry Therapist Collective

About	Founded by psychotherapist and former venue and festival programmer Tamsin Embleton, MITC has extensive experience working with mental health, mental illness, and addiction, from high-end treatment centers to private practice and the NHS. Each therapist in MITC has their own unique music industry experience and psychotherapy specialisms to help provide the best care possible for people in the music industry who may need their support.
Services	Music industry-aware therapy, training, and consultancy. Tour health services.
Eligibility	N/A
Website	<u>https://www.musicindustrytherapists.com</u>
Contacts	info@musicindustrytherapists.com

Music Maker Foundation

About	Music Maker is a 501(c)(3) that meets the day-to-day needs of the artists who create traditional American music, ensures their voices are heard, and gives all people access to our nation's hidden musical treasures. Our flagship Sustenance Program delivers life's essentials to senior musicians in crisis and those living in chronic poverty.
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Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Artists eligible for aid are over 55 years of age, have an annual income less than \$25,000 and are rooted in an American musical tradition.
Website	<u>https://www.musicmaker.org/sustenance/</u>
Contacts	919-643-2456, <u>411@musicmaker.org</u>

Musicians Emergency Resource Foundation - Kentucky & Southern Indiana

About	MERF grants financial and resource assistance to Kentuckiana (select counties in Kentucky and Southern Indiana) music industry professionals in times of need and emergency crisis.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	If you are a working, or kinda working musician, pop, alt, jazz, bluegrass, rock, country, symphony, or your own thing, whatever instrument you play, we'll do what we can to support you.
Website	<u>https://merfrocks.com</u>
Contacts	502-727-8873, <u>admin@merfrocks.com</u>

Musicians Foundation

About	Musicians Foundation is formed to foster the interests and advance the condition and social welfare of professional musicians and to provide voluntary aid and assistance to professional musicians and their families in case of need.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	You must be a professional music performer, composer/arranger, or educator in a specific time of need caused by an unexpected hardship (e.g. medical or dental situation, natural disaster, or certain housing crisis). You must have worked as a

professional musician in the United States for five (5) or more years and currently reside in the U.S. You must have filed taxes as a musician for five (5) or more years and be able to provide a copy of a recently completed tax return.

Application Info

Website

<https://www.musiciansfoundation.org>

Contacts

info@musiciansfoundation.org, 212-239-9137

Pinetop Perkins Foundation - Pinetop Assistance League (PAL) for Elder Musicians

About

The primary mission of The Pinetop Perkins Foundation is to provide encouragement and support for youth and young people at the beginning of their musical career (MasterClass Workshop Experience); and help provide care and safety for elderly musicians at the twilight of their career (Pinetop Assistance League). The Pinetop Assistance League (PAL) fulfills the second part of this mission by providing emergency financial assistance to elderly blues musicians for medical and living expenses.

Services

Financial Assistance

Eligibility

Must be a professional elderly blues artists. Must be 50 years or older. Plays or has played professionally on stage on a local, regional or national level. Has played on professional albums/CDs. Has a household adjusted gross income is less than \$35,000.

Application

Website

<https://www.pinetopperkinsfoundation.org/home>

Contacts

pinetopperkinsfoundation@gmail.com

Porter's Call

About

Porter's Call is a place where artists can find support and encouragement, specifically attuned to their unique profession. It's a safe and confidential refuge

	where they can deal with the issues and stresses they face in their careers and personal lives, with services provided at no charge.
Services	Free support for recording artists and their partners. New partnership with Daystar Counseling Ministries for kids of eligible artists to receive counseling.
Eligibility	Eligible applicants (and/or their partner) may be either signed to a record label or independently responsible for releasing their own original music under their own name, stage name, or as a legal owner/member of a duo, trio or group. They must be actively touring their own original music with at least 20 shows annually. They must earn their primary income from live performances, publishing, royalties, merchandise sales, sync, and/or streaming. <u>Eligibility Application</u>
Website	<u>porterscall.com</u>
Contacts	Beth Barcus beth@porterscall.com 615-519-6622 Chad Karger chad@porterscall.com 615-519-6622

Rhythm and Blues Foundation

About	The Rhythm & Blues Foundation has recognized over 150+ legendary artists whose lifelong contributions have been instrumental in the development of Rhythm & Blues music. Since 1988, the Foundation has disbursed over \$3 million dollars in grants to artist in need of financial assistance. Today, the Rhythm and Blues Foundation continues to provide its programs and administer artists grants through The Emergency Assistance Fund, Motown/Universal Music Group Fund and the Gwendolyn B. Gordy Fuqua Fund.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Must demonstrate need and be an R&B artist. Fill out <u>Application</u> to determine eligibility.
Website	<u>https://www.rhythmandbluesfoundation.org</u>
Contacts	rhythmandbluesfoundation@gmail.com

Seattle Musician Access to Sustainable Healthcare (SMASH)

About	SMASH Helps Seattle Musicians access to low cost or no cost healthcare services. The SMASH member application is free and confidential. They serve musicians of all types and genres living in the Seattle area who earn income at or below SMASH's income guidelines. Income doesn't have to come from music, but the applicant must have performed, recorded or composed music in the last twelve months to be eligible.
Services	Financial Assistance
Eligibility	Must be a SMASH member in order to apply for free and low-cost mental health care. SMASH serves musicians of all types & genres living in our service area who earn income at or below SMASH's income guidelines. You do not have to earn income from music, but must have performed, recorded, or composed music in the last 12 months to be eligible for services. <u>Become a member.</u>
Website	<u>https://www.smashseattle.org/mental-health-resources</u>
Contacts	MemberServices@SMASHSeattle.org, 206-495-1285

SIMS Foundation

About	The SIMS Foundation provides vital mental health and substance use recovery services to musicians, music industry professionals, and their families. By offering accessible, low- or no-cost care through a trusted network of healthcare providers, SIMS works to destigmatize mental health challenges within the music community. Their mission is rooted in education, community partnerships, and managed care that meets people where they are, because no one should have to navigate these struggles alone.
Services	Connection to behavioral health services. Financial assistance.
Eligibility	Need to live in one of the TX counties SIMS serves. Need to demonstrate income earned in the music industry in the past 12 months or are a dependent family member of someone who meets this criteria. Must have an income below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Eligibility Information

Service Interest Form

Website

<https://simsfoundation.org>

Contacts

Confidential Line: (512) 494-1007

Sweet Relief Musicians Fund

About

Sweet Relief Musicians Fund provides financial assistance to all types of career musicians and music industry workers who are struggling to make ends meet while facing physical or mental health issues, disability, or age-related problems.

Services

Sweet Relief Fund provides financial assistance to career musicians and industry workers struggling to make ends meet while facing physical or mental health issues, disability or age related problems. Several funds available to support a variety of needs. General support, mental health, cancer, hearing health, disaster relief, etc...

Eligibility

Sweet Relief Applicant Eligibility

Mental Health Fund Information & Application

Website

sweetrelief.org

Contacts

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Brittani Burt | brittani@sweetrelief.org | 714- 626-0447

The Trevor Project

About

The Trevor Project is the leading organization in the U.S. focused on crisis intervention and suicide prevention for LGBTQ+ youth. They offer 24/7 support through phone, text, and online chat with trained counselors who understand the unique challenges LGBTQ+ young people face. For LGBTQ+ musicians specifically, especially those just starting out or navigating the pressures of visibility within the industry, having access to affirming and accessible mental health support can be incredibly important. Beyond crisis support, The Trevor

	Project also provides educational resources, advocacy initiatives, and community programs designed to help LGBTQ+ youth feel safer, supported, and understood.
Services	Crisis Support via chat, phone, or text 24/7, 365. Educational resources, Advocacy, Research.
Eligibility	N/A
Website	https://www.thetrevorproject.org
Contacts	Crisis Support - Text: “START” to 678-678, Call: 1-866-488-7386