

Arts, Cultural, Heritage, Sports and Tourism Industries

The City of Barrie is doing everything possible, in cooperation with the provincial and federal governments, to minimize impact and see economic recovery take place as soon as possible. This document outlines support resources available to the arts, cultural, heritage and sports industry.

Please visit barrie.ca/SupportForBusiness for information about resources available to various sectors, and for details about changes to City services that support business during this time.

Federal Support Programs

Financial Support

Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations

A \$500 million COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for cultural, heritage and sport organizations is being created that will help address the financial needs of affected organizations. [Get the details.](#)

Waiving Payments for Part I Licence Fees

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) will not issue letters requesting payment for Part I licence fees by broadcasters for the 2020–21 fiscal year.

Support for Independent production companies

We are creating the Short-Term Compensation Fund initiative to compensate independent production companies for the lack of insurance coverage for COVID-19–related filming interruptions and production shutdowns in the sector. The fund will make as much as \$50 million available for the industry.

Provincial Support Programs

Financial Support

Investing in the Future of Ontario's Tourism Industry

The Ontario government is investing \$1.5 million through the new Tourism Economic Development Recovery Fund and offering promotional incentives at provincial attractions to help the province's tourism industry and welcome back visitors after the COVID-19 pandemic. [Get the details.](#)

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Arts Community Support

Financial Support

Emergency Survival Fund for LGBTQ2S artists, performers, tip-based workers and Glad Day

Glad Day is uniquely positioned to be able to identify and support LGBTQ2S artists, performers and tip-based workers who are in dire financial need. [Get the details.](#)

Format: The Photography Fund

Format created the Photographer Fund to honour the hustle and help independent photographers who are facing unprecedented financial hardships in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak stay on their feet. [Get the details.](#)

Emergency Funding to Professional Canadian Writers in Mid-project

The Woodcock Fund is a special kind of grant that provides quick-access emergency assistance to those facing sudden circumstances that restrict their ability to write. [Get the details.](#)

Unison Benevolent Fund for Musicians

Professionals in any role within the Canadian music industry are eligible for the Union Benevolent Fund. [Get the details.](#)

Actors Fund Emergency Financial Assistance

The Actors Fund has partnered with other entertainment industry organizations to provide emergency financial assistance to union and non-union workers in entertainment and the performing arts. [Get the details.](#)

MusiCares Financial Relief

MusiCares have expanded their services to include lost income due to the cancellation of scheduled gigs or performances. [Get the details.](#)

Behind the Scenes Grant

This fund was designed to provide financial assistance to those involved in the entertainment technology industry. [Get the details.](#)

Actors Fund of Canada Financial Assistance

The AFC can provide short-term emergency financial assistance for essential household bills and costs that cannot otherwise be paid. [Get the details.](#)

Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund

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Regional Tourism Organization 7 PPE-COVID-19 Recovery Funds Round 2

RTO7 will reimburse a maximum of \$1,000 towards your purchase of PPE (defined as PPE, costs incurred to adhere to social distancing, touchless payments, new technology, increased cleaning, sanitization, etc.), retroactive to April 1, 2020. [Get the details.](#)

BCB Creative Relief Fund for Storytellers

CBC Creative Relief Fund provides immediate, urgent support to Canadian creators. The unprecedented new Fund will provide \$2 million in development and production funding for a diverse range of innovative, original Canadian storytelling. [Get the details.](#)

MusicTogether

MusicTogether supports working Ontario musicians during the COVID-19 crisis with direct funding, new opportunities for fan discovery, and eCommerce tools. [Get the details.](#)

SOCAN Announces \$2-million Enhanced Emergency Program

This program is primarily aimed at SOCAN's songwriters and screen composers whose ability to sustain their income has been compromised by the impact of the crisis on the music industry, especially on those whose concerts have been cancelled, or whose television and movie productions have been suspended. [Get the details.](#)

Canadian Writers' Emergency Relief Fund

The Writers' Trust of Canada and The Writers' Union of Canada (TWUC) will provide support to professional authors financially affected by the COVID-19 health crisis. [Get the details.](#)

Opera Artist Emergency Relief Fund

Opera.ca has created a fund to provide urgent funds to opera artists experiencing immediate cash shortages for necessities as a result of lost engagements due to COVID-19. [Get the details.](#)

Toronto Arts Council Grants

Discover discipline-based programs and other TAC grant opportunities for arts organizations, collectives and professional artists. [Get the details.](#)

Reconnect Festival and Event Program

The Reconnect Festival and Event Program offers non-capital funding to in-person and online events in Ontario. [Get the details.](#)

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Celebrate Ontario Blockbuster

The Celebrate Ontario Blockbuster program supports costs related to hosting major one-time events in Ontario, events that do not recur annually or biennially in Ontario and/ or national or international events in Ontario. [Get the details.](#)

Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund

The Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund is an investment fund to assist arts, cultural and heritage organizations to develop, promote and present one-off or first time events, or a significant expansion of existing activity, that are designed to attract new tourists and visitors to cultural events in communities across Ontario. [Get the details.](#)

Toolkits & Resources

Ontario Arts Council

OAC has compiled a list of information to help you locate resources that may be useful to you. Information will be updated as frequently as possible. [Get the details.](#)

I Lost My Gig

ArtsPond is pleased to announce the newly formed Facebook group, I Lost My Gig Canada plus the newly launched website at ILostMyGig.ca. Each of these spaces invite arts and other vulnerable freelance and gig economy workers in Canada to share impact stories and resources in response to the growing number of lost, cancelled, and delayed gigs due to COVID-19 and other issues in the industry. [Get the details.](#)

How to Support Artists and the Arts During COVID-19

Here are just a few ways that you can continue to support the arts and contribute to a healthy cultural community, even while practicing social distancing. [Get the details.](#)

Navigating COVID-19: Resources for Creatives and Creative Entrepreneurs

From grants to advocacy support options, Artspace has created a guide to help assist those in need. [Get the details.](#)

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Arts Community Updates

COVID-19 Resources for the Music Community presented by Unison

The Unison office has decided to compile a list of helpful resources for Canadian music-makers and music professionals to help navigate mentally and physically at this time so. [Get the details.](#)

COVID-19 Resources and Links for Artists presented by CARFAC

CARFAC has released a list of links and resources for the communities of artists, cultural workers, and organizations. [Get the details.](#)

Ontario Creates COVID-19 Response Plan-Information for Industry Stakeholders

Ontario Creates has put together a resource to help find key information about program modifications, mitigation strategies, and links to resources that they hope will be useful navigating this difficult situation. [Get the details.](#)

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