



Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Resources for the Arts Sector

While it is impossible for arts organizations to predict the next major emergency or disaster, being familiar with best practices and mitigation resources, in combination with developing a comprehensive preparedness plan, can be the difference between stable navigation and organizational ruin. The list below highlights a few organizations that provide networking, learning resources, and funding for arts organizations to bolster their emergency and disaster preparation.

PERFORMING ARTS READINESS (PAR)

PAR is a national project that aims to prepare performing arts venues for a wide range of emergencies and natural disasters. PAR does direct outreach and engagement while also providing information, a circuit rider mentoring program and grants to enhance emergency networks.

More information: <https://performingartsreadiness.org/>

NATIONAL COALITION FOR ARTS PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (NCAPER)

Created in response to the loss faced by the arts sector in the wake of natural disasters and emergencies. NCAPER supports artists, arts & cultural organizations, funders and businesses to ensure that they have the resources needed to navigate disasters and emergencies. The Coalition works closely with other arts preparedness programs, and with emergency service providers to advocate for the arts.

More information: <https://www.ncaper.org/>

CRAFT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (CERF)

CERF is a grassroots, artist centric, non-profit focused on supporting artists, with a focus on artists in the craft disciplines. CERF provides educational programming, advocacy, networking opportunities and emergency relief grants.

More information: <https://cerfplus.org/>

NEW JERSEY CULTURAL ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSE (NJCAR)

NJCAR supports the cultural community in the State of New Jersey in the preparation before, navigation during and recovery after disaster. Services are extended to cultural organizations such as libraries, museums, performing arts venues, archaeological sites etc.

More information: <https://njculturalalliance.wixsite.com/njcar>

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

FEMA is the federal emergency resource. FEMA provides funding support in the form of grants and public assistance. Additionally, FEMA does a wide range of partnerships including awareness campaigns with local artists to shed light on emergency preparedness and mitigation.

More information: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_art-culture-fact-sheet_012024.pdf