



## Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants

### FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions as of January 3, 2023

These FAQs may be updated as new questions are received.

#### **What is a dire financial emergency due to COVID and its consequences?**

This program recognizes that the COVID pandemic has impacted opportunities for live dance performance in general. You do not need to have contracted COVID to apply. You may have experienced other impacts of the pandemic; for example, loss of work, lack of income, need to relocate to regain dance engagements, loss of housing due to rent increase; etc.

#### **Do I need to have contracted COVID to apply?**

No. This program recognizes that the COVID pandemic has impacted opportunities for live dance performance in general.

#### **What is recent and sustained commitment to performing dance?**

Activity as a paid dancer (in any stage/performance style, including aerial, ballet, hip-hop, jazz, modern, tap, and traditional/folk) over the last three-four years in public-facing performances. Inactivity, or online/streaming activity, during COVID is allowable. Self-produced online presentation and/or performances shared solely through Instagram or Facebook are not eligible.

#### **What should be included in my resume/CV/bio?**

Your resume/bio must include: Title/production/event, company (if applicable), your position/role (for example: Dancer; Ensemble Member; etc.), location, date(s) (at least the year) for each engagement. If you perform your own work, make it clear that you were BOTH the choreographer and dancer. We do not accept work samples or URLs/links.

#### **What is the difference between the Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants, and the Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants?**

Two things: ***Who is eligible***, and ***what expenses*** can be requested. Both programs are for artists in need, and therefore have an income ceiling for eligibility. Please see each program's guidelines for additional details. Both have multiple cycles running through at least June, 2023.

[Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants](#) are open to professional dancers in a dire financial emergency due to COVID-19 and its consequences. Eligible applicants may request essential expenses such as housing, food, utilities, and medical care. Choreographers may not apply unless they also have recent and sustained activity as a professional dancer.

[Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants](#) are open to artists working in the visual arts, film/video/digital/electronic arts, and choreography. Eligible applicants may request funds for recent medical/dental/mental health emergencies. Dancers may not apply unless they also have recent and sustained activity as a choreographer.

**Can I apply to Rauschenberg Emergency Grants – Medical, and Dancer – if I am a choreographer but also a dancer, with the understanding that in a lifetime I can only receive one?**

Yes.

**I'm a choreographer, may I apply?**

Yes, if you also can demonstrate being a professional dancer over at least the last three years.

**What types of dance are not eligible?**

This program is intended for dancers who have lost live performing engagements/opportunities for public audiences. Therefore, performances in competitive settings, K-12 educational settings, social dance, commercial settings (clubs, exotic dance, commercials, industrials, etc.) are not eligible.

**I perform in film/television. May I apply?**

Yes, if the production was available for broad public viewing which is demonstrated on the resume (screening, broadcast, etc.) and if you also perform in live productions. If you perform exclusively in film/television, you may not apply.

**I perform in musical theatre. May I apply?**

Yes, if it is clear that your roles were primarily as a dancer.

**I am a teaching artist. May I apply?**

Yes, if you also can demonstrate being a professional dance performer over at least the last three years.

**Do I need to demonstrate loss of work/engagements/income to apply?**

You must demonstrate, through your narrative, an urgent and critical need for emergency support. Loss or lack of income is expected to be part of this emergency situation.

**I have received a Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grant. May I apply to this program?**

No. With our limited funds, we want to serve as many artists as possible.

**May I apply for a Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grant more than once?**

If you are not awarded funding, and you still meet the eligibility criteria for a future cycle, you may re-apply. You may not receive more than one Rauschenberg Emergency grant in a lifetime.

**What housing expenses may I request?**

Monthly rent and security deposits. Mortgage payments and mortgage insurance, and property/liability insurance, are not eligible. You may request a maximum of three months' expenses.

**What utilities expenses may I request?**

Monthly electric, gas, internet and cellphone expenses, and purchases of home heating fuel. Cable television expenses are not eligible. You may request a maximum of three months' expenses.

**What food expenses may I request?**

Purchases of groceries and prepared food for the individual dance applicant only. Dine-in restaurant expenses are not eligible. You may request a maximum of three months' expenses.

**What medical/dental/mental health expenses may I request?**

Monthly insurance premiums for the individual dance applicant only; out-of-pocket expenses for medical, dental and/or mental health treatment. Expenses for glasses, contacts or hearing aids may be requested if the item was purchased during the time period covered in the application, as can be expenses for regular prescribed medications and personal hygiene items.

**What transportation expenses may I request?**

Vehicle payments, vehicle insurance, fuel, rideshares/taxis and mass transit. Airfare may be

requested only for expenses to return to your home base if you were displaced due to COVID-19. For monthly expenses, you may request a maximum of three months' worth.

### **What other essential expenses may I request?**

You must describe the essential nature of any additional types of expenses, and describe/itemize the expense. Legal expenses, only for dire emergencies such as fighting eviction, or visa renewals, may be included; costs of dance class/fitness regimens are also eligible.

For monthly expenses, you may request a maximum of three months' worth.

### **What expenses may not be requested?**

Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

Mortgage payments; expenses related to other family members – e.g. food, healthcare, child/parent-care; credit card debt or student loans; and purchases of vehicles or other equipment.

### **May I request expenses for other members of my family/domestic partners?**

No.

### **When is the deadline to apply?**

For Cycle 7:

Applications Open: January 10, 2023, 10:00AM EST November 9, 2022

Applications Close: February 17, 2023, December 9, 2022, 5:00 PM EST\*

Notification of Award: April 30, January 20, 2023

For Cycle 8, application will open March 21 with a deadline of April 28, for essential expenses between December 1 and September 30, 2023. Applicants will be notified of their status by June 9.

\*Please note that the application form on Submittable will automatically close and stop accepting applications at this time.

### **Is it beneficial to apply early?**

All eligible applications are reviewed at the same time by the panel, so there is no advantage to applying quickly or early. We recommend you take your time to submit a strong and complete application by the deadline.