

## **SDCF Emergency Assistance Fund – 2024 Eligibility & Application Information**

The Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) was established early during the COVID-19 pandemic by directors and choreographers seeking to help fellow directors and choreographers meet their basic needs as work evaporated across our field. Since its establishment, individuals and foundations outside of our profession have also generously contributed to the Fund.

The 2024 Emergency Assistance Fund is now open. SDC Members can apply for a one-time grant up to \$575 and SDC Associate Members up to \$300. The application may be found [here](#).

Please feel free to email [EmergencyGrant@sdcfoundation.org](mailto:EmergencyGrant@sdcfoundation.org) any questions.

We thank all who have participated as contributors and all who have received assistance from this fund. The Emergency Assistance Fund is a partnership. There are times in each of our lives when we may have surplus to share and times when we each have needs. We encourage you to apply for what you need, to leave some for the person behind you, and, if your circumstances allow, to donate to the Fund so we can keep the mutual support going.

### **Who is eligible:**

Current SDC Members and SDC Associate Members in good standing who are experiencing financial hardship.

### **What can the funds be used for?**

- Health insurance premium payments or other uncovered medical costs
- Purchases of necessities, including groceries, personal care items
- Rent, mortgage, utility payments
- Access to, maintaining, or servicing technological equipment
- Eldercare or childcare costs

### **How to apply:**

1. Download and complete the application found [here](#).
2. Fill out [this W9 Form](#) or submit your own.
3. Submit the application and your W9 to SDCF at [EmergencyGrant@sdcfoundation.org](mailto:EmergencyGrant@sdcfoundation.org) with Zixsecure in the subject line to send securely.

You will be notified, on average, within two weeks of receipt whether your application is approved. If approved, funding is typically released within two weeks of the notification, but please allow up to three weeks for processing as sometimes we are working on a high volume of requests.

The EAF Committee is composed of SDC members Jo Bonney, Mark Brokaw, Maggie Burrows, John Rando, and Maria Torres.

In addition to SDCF's Emergency Assistance Fund, SDC remains available to be helpful in working with Union members during trying times. Please reach out to [info@sdcweb.org](mailto:info@sdcweb.org) for assistance.