Where to Find Financial Help During the Coronavirus Pandemic

a. City of Boston and Boston Center for the Arts
· Program name: Boston Artist Relief Fund
· Type of assistance: Grants of $500 or $1,000
· Minimum qualifications: Individual artists who live in Boston whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

b. State of Massachusetts/Massachusetts Growth Capital Corp.
· Program name: 2020 Small Business Recovery Loan Fund
· Type of assistance: Low interest loans up to $75,000; no payments for first six months
· Minimum qualifications: Massachusetts-based small business owners and nonprofits with fewer than 50 employees

c. U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Approves Assistance to be Provided to Massachusetts Businesses and Non-Profits Impacted by COVID-19, Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program
· The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will offer low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Massachusetts small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

d. Administrative Tax Relief Measures
· Administrative tax relief measures for small local businesses which have been impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, especially in the restaurant and hospitality sectors. This tax relief includes postponing the collection of regular sales tax, meals tax, and room occupancy taxes that would be due in March, April and May so that they will instead be due on June 20. Additionally, all penalties and interest that would otherwise apply will be waived.

e. MGCC Small Business Recovery Loan Fund
· The U.S. Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is accepting applications from Massachusetts businesses.
· All Massachusetts companies are encouraged to apply at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela
· If you applied to Mass Growth Capital Corporation’s Small Business Recovery Loan fund, we encourage you to apply for additional EIDL support.

f. United Way COVID-19 Fund

· In Massachusetts, 2 in 5 workers lack sufficient savings to withstand a sudden loss in wages. Our COVID-19 Family Support Fund will help hourly, low-wage workers weather the losses from this epidemic.

· For general questions about the Covid-19 Family Support Fund, please contact info@supportunitedway.org.

g. City of Boston - BOSTON RESILIENCY FUND

· The emerging priorities of the Boston Resiliency Fund are to provide food for children and seniors, technology for remote learning for students, and support to first responders and healthcare workers in the City of Boston.

h. The Boston Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund

· The COVID-19 Response Fund has been established by a coalition of business, government and philanthropic partners to rapidly deploy flexible resources to organizations in Greater Boston that are working with communities that are disproportionately affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

· Given the immediate needs within our Greater Boston catchment area, the Fund is currently focused on providing general operating support grants to nonprofits whose operations address the basic needs of vulnerable populations that are under additional strain due to the pandemic.

i. The Waldron Charitable Fund Announces $1M in Grant Opportunities to Support Children

· Funding will support local nonprofit organizations serving the health, nutrition, and special education needs of underserved children impacted by school closures nationwide

To apply, please email a document no longer than two pages in PDF form to WaldronFund@gmail.com that addresses the following:

1. Briefly describe the 501(c)(3) organization.

2. What problem are you working to solve?

3. How many underserved children will be positively impacted by your efforts?

4. How will you distribute your solution while keeping children safe during the COVID-19 crisis?
5. How quickly can your service be provided?

j. The Greg Hill Foundation, Restaurant Strong Fund

· The Greg Hill Foundation has teamed up with Samuel Adams* to support those from the Massachusetts restaurant industry who have been impacted by the Covid-19 closures. Together, and with the insights of notable Boston-area chefs Ming Tsai (Blue Dragon), Ken Oringer (Little Donkey) and Chris Coombs (Boston Chops), we will be raising awareness and funds to provide grants to full-time restaurant workers in Massachusetts who are dependent on wages plus tips to cover basic living expenses and provide for their families.

· Our goal is to provide $1,000 grants to as many qualifying grantees as possible.

k. Asian American Community: Nellie Mae Education Foundation · a rapid response fund, the Racism is a Virus Too Rapid Response Grant Fund, to respond to the hate crimes and bias against Asian American communities resulting from COVID-19.

l. COVID-19 resources for the Cambridge community

· Two new emergency relief funds: Guided by our century-old mandate to protect the wellbeing of the city and our residents, in partnership with generous donors, the City of Cambridge, and locally-based businesses, we have launched two new emergency relief funds—one to help low-income families, workers, and the elderly meet their basic needs and a second to support individual artists, musicians, and local arts and cultural organizations threatened by lost income. · The Cambridge COVID-19 Emergency Fund and Cambridge Artist Relief Fund will infuse an initial sum of $350,000 into the community through grants of up to $1,000 for individuals and a limited number of larger grants to nonprofits and arts organizations. We will also be distributing more than $400,000 in grants to over 50 nonprofits next month as part of our regular spring grantmaking cycle. · We invite others—stable businesses and organizations and concerned citizens—to join us in growing the Cambridge COVID-19 Emergency Fund and giving to the Cambridge Artist Relief Fund so we can provide critical financial support when our residents, artists, and nonprofits need it most.

m. Union Capital Boston

· Established a one-time direct gift campaign to send Visa gift cards to those who need it urgently in the Greater Boston area. 100% of donations will go to families in need.

· For every dollar you donate, UCB will put that exact total amount on Visa gift cards to send to Greater Bostonians in need on Friday, March 20. We already have the infrastructure in place to get money out the door quickly. Any Bostonian that is need of support can fill out this quick form: http://bit.ly/UCBCOVID19