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Dear TMA Member,

I hope this Pit Blast finds you safe and healthy as we navigate through these uncertain times. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us in the music industry, and the theatre musician is certainly no exception. With Broadway, national tours, and regional productions shut down, the economic livelihood of every pit dweller has been touched by this virus. We don't need a crystal ball to predict tough times will most likely lie ahead for all of us. What follows are a few resources you may be eligible to take advantage to help get through these difficult days. Additionally, be sure to check with your home local to see if they can direct you to any COVID-19 relief programs in your area. If you know of other programs available that might help our membership, please let me know at president.tma@afm-tma.org.

Be well,

Tony D'Amico
President
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MusiCares

The Recording Academy and its charitable foundation MusiCares announced the formation of a \$2 million COVID-19 relief fund for music industry workers in financial need. A spokesperson for the Recording Academy said music industry members could apply for assistance through the [MusiCares](#) website. According to the site, musicians must supply proof of event cancellations and bookings along with copies of their lease agreements or mortgage statements along with a completed MusiCares application. Applicants can request a maximum of \$1,000.

Billboard

Billboard has compiled [list of resources](#) at both the national and state levels, including more than four dozen relief funds to help all music professions navigating this unprecedented emergency.

As more organizations and relief announcements are made, they will be updated to this list by Billboard.

Union Plus

Participants in the Union Plus Mortgage, Credit Card, Personal Loan or

supplemental insurance programs may be eligible for additional hardship assistance through the [Mortgage Assistance Program](#) or other Union Plus hardship assistance programs.

Relief Package for Entertainment Workers

Finally, if you haven't asked your representatives in Washington to provide relief to entertainment workers, why not do so now? This [online campaign](#) is being sponsored by the AFM, and will take only a few minutes of your time.

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