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Craft Emergency Relief Fund





[Laurie Harris](#) is a studio potter who received a Get Ready Grant to purchase a high-quality air purifier to remove airborne dust, allergens, and harmful particles. Laurie works diligently to maintain a thriving art practice.

CERF+ Get Ready Grant Cycle for Craft Artists Affected by Hurricane Helene

CERF+ understands that recovery from an event as devastating as Hurricane Helene will take several months or years. Because this disaster affected such a large concentration of craft artists, **we are opening a special cycle of our CERF+ Get Ready Grant program specifically for craft artists affected by Hurricane Helene.**

These grants provide up to \$1,000 to individual craft artists for activities that strengthen studio safeguards (such as safety equipment, contractor consultations, or upgrades to reduce health risks), enhance emergency and disaster readiness (including emergency tools, theft protection, and risk-reduction upgrades), support business continuity (like inventory systems, documentation, e-commerce training, and short-term childcare), and protect long-term career sustainability through legacy planning, legal and financial services, or professional development.

These grants are made possible thanks to the generous contribution of all our donors and support from the Kresge Foundation, Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation, the Windgate Foundation, the Karma Foundation, and the Meg Ostrum CYL Fund.

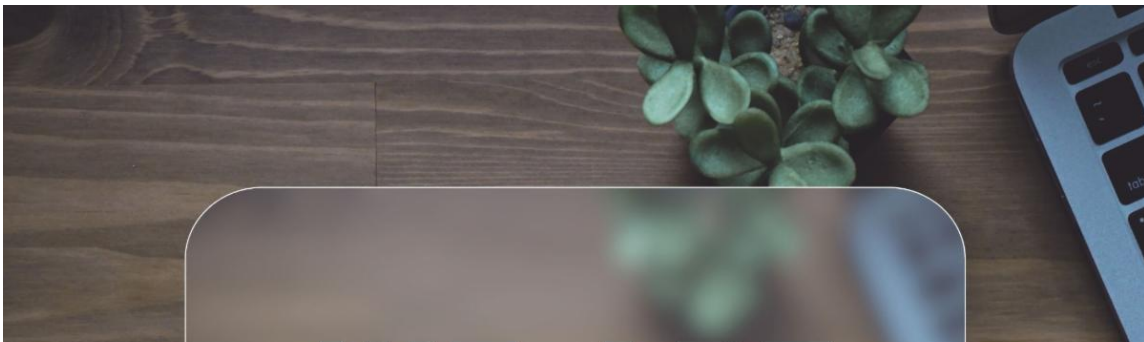
This special grant cycle will be open for applications from July 15 through August 12.

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Grants Update

Since October 1, 2024, CERF+ has distributed a record \$2,925,000 in emergency relief grants to 975 craft artists. This includes 645 grants to craft artists affected by Hurricane Helene, 167 to those affected by the Los Angeles wildfires, and 163 to craft artists who faced another emergency. We are so grateful for the wonderful support we receive. Thank you for supporting and empowering craft artists!





CERF+ is Hiring a Finance Operations Coordinator

CERF+ is seeking a highly organized and detail-oriented finance operations coordinator to join our mission-driven, fully remote team. Reporting to the deputy director, this vital role supports core financial functions including payroll, tax compliance, financial reporting, budget development, and grantee/vendor coordination. This is an opportunity to contribute to an inclusive organization that supports craft artists, values collaboration and balance, and is committed to equity and community engagement. Applications close July 1, 2025.

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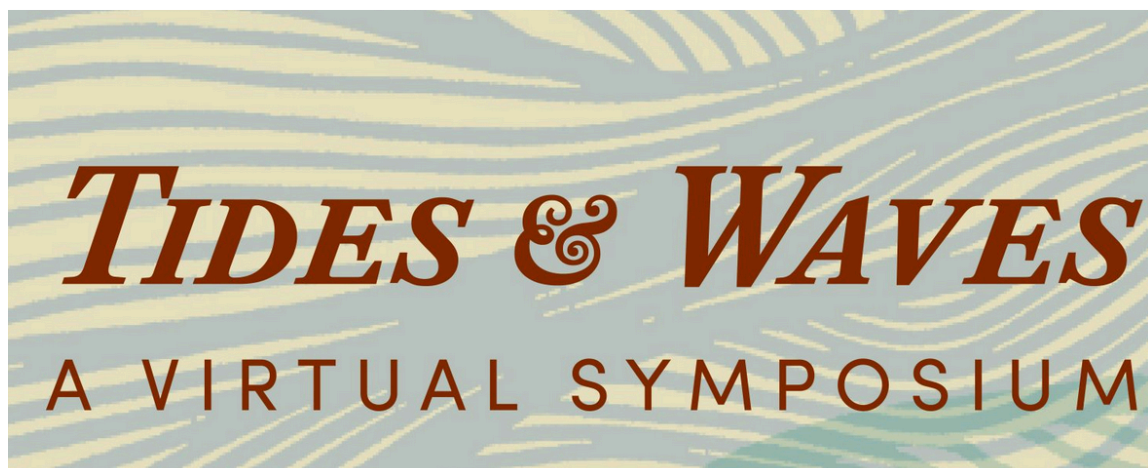




Touchstone Members Exhibition

[Touchstone Center for Crafts](#) is celebrating the incredible talent and support of its creative community by showcasing the work of its members! The 2025 Touchstone Members Exhibition will run from October 11-December 20, 2025 and invites current members to submit work in any medium—ceramics, metals, glass, drawing, painting, and more. Selected works will be juried by **Ruby Lopez Harper**, CERF+ Executive Director, and displayed in Touchstone's Bea Campbell Gallery.

This is a chance to share your work, connect with fellow artists, and be part of a vibrant, visible celebration of creativity. [Click here](#) for important information on eligibility, prizes, submission guidelines, and key dates. Applications will be open July 1–August 15, 2025. Not yet a member? [Join now to be eligible to apply!](#)



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2025

Tides and Waves: Indigenous Peoples of North America

SNAG, and international membership community for metalsmiths, is thrilled to announce Margaret Jacobs (Akwesasne Mohawk) as the Keynote Speaker for its upcoming virtual symposium, Tides & Waves: Indigenous Peoples of North America.

Tides & Waves is SNAG's virtual symposium series exploring the deep and continual flow of international ideas in contemporary jewelry & metalsmithing. Each iteration focuses on a different geographical region. This year SNAG celebrates the diversity of Indigenous peoples in North America.

Join SNAG for a 2-day participatory virtual symposium on September 26 & 27, filled with speakers, demonstrations, breakout discussions, practical tips, hanging out and more. Recordings available with registration.

Tickets start at \$20.

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Artist Opportunities

CERF+ shares opportunities from other organizations that are relevant to craft artists and support their artistic practices. This week's artist opportunities include:

Nest Heritage Craft Prize - \$25,000. Apply by June 30.

Peters Valley School of Craft Artist Residencies. Apply by July 1, 2025.

Illuminations Grant for Black Trans Women Visual Artists (\$10,000). Apply by July 2, 2025.

Penland Resident Artist Program. Apply by July 2.

Penland Winter Residency. Apply by July 30.

Kentucky Crafted Program. Apply by August 16.



"Woof, pip, squeak, meow, wheek, zzz!"

(a special greeting to you from the CERF+ staff pets)

Top row L to R: Daphne, Ella, Kylo Ren, Waffles

Bottom row L to R: African violet, Tank, Nutmeg, Hagrid, Pippin, and Po

Supporting and empowering craft artists with emergency relief, education, and preparedness, guided by generosity, inclusion, and care

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