Cultural Office

In order to cushion the economical consequences for the cultural sector caused by the spread of the coronavirus, the Federal Council and the Government Council of the canton of Zurich have determined extensive measures.

What do these measures entail for cultural institutions and people working in creative fields? How are they implemented? We’ve put together an overview.

Coronavirus: Information for cultural institutions and people working in creative fields

Forms and Guidelines for Financial Support
The documents are currently being compiled by a committee made up of representatives of the Federal Office of Culture and the Conference of Cantonal Delegates for Cultural Affairs. As soon as the documents are ready, they will be made available here.

Which measures are there?
The support package of the federal government for the cultural sector includes the following measures:

- Emergency relief in the form of interest-free, repayable loans for non-profit cultural businesses
  => Submit request to: Cultural Office of the canton of Zurich
- Immediate emergency relief in the form of non-refundable emergency relief for people working in the creative sector
  => Submit request to: Suisseculture Sociale
- Deficiency compensation for cultural enterprises and people working in creative fields to cover the financial damage caused by cancelled events and projects as well as business closures.
  => Submit request to: Cultural Office of the canton of Zurich
- Financial support for lay cultural associations to cushion the financial damage caused by the cancellation of events
  => Submit request to: Cultural Office of the canton of Zurich

How are the measures funded?
To cover the deficiency compensations, the federal government is providing a total of 26.5 million Swiss francs for cultural institutions and people working in the creative sector. 18.3 million francs are earmarked for immediate emergency relief. On March 18th, the Government Council of the canton of Zurich decided to support the deficiency compensations in the cultural sector as well by providing 20 million Swiss francs.

Further Questions?
The people at the Cultural Office are happy to handle your inquiries. MON thru FRI, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at 043 259 25 52.