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National Independent Venue Foundation Offering Relief Grants of Up to \$25,000 to Performance Venues Impacted by Hurricane Ian

[The National Independent Venue Foundation](#) (NIVF), in response to Hurricane Ian, has developed a simplified and accessible application process for its Emergency Relief Fund (ERF). NIVF ERF grants are available for up to \$25,000 for performance venues impacted by natural disasters so they can jumpstart their recovery.

“The aftermath of Hurricane Ian has devastated so many businesses and homes across the East Coast. The quick response and support from the National Independent Venue Foundation is a testament to the vital and valuable work the foundation provides. Grants like the ERF are essential to independent clubs and their owners, giving them a chance to operate and thrive under any kind of uncertainty,” says Tom DeGeorge, owner, Crowbar, Tampa, FL and President of the NIVA Southeast Chapter.

Eligible performance venues can include both for profit and nonprofit entities. Venues do not need to be a member of NIVA to apply. Venues that program original, live music, comedy, and/or similar performing arts as a primary driver of their business are eligible. Funding is limited to one application for relief amount up to \$25,000 per physical location. Applicants will be notified within 10 business days of funding decisions.

Ineligible businesses include those that primarily operate for the purposes of sporting events, karaoke, exotic dancing, fitness, or private events (e.g., galas, weddings), private homes, schools, and chain movie theaters.

Based on funding and application guidelines, applicants must include documentation verifying their business and emergency situation. Grantees that receive full insurance or disaster aid reimbursement will be asked to donate the funds back into the ERF to allow other venues to receive the same relief opportunities through this fund.

For more information or questions about the application process, please contact erf@nivf.org.

Those interested in contributing to the National Independent Venue Foundation Emergency Relief Fund can make a secure online donation [HERE](#).

About:

The mission of the National Independent Venue Foundation (NIVF) is to preserve and nurture the ecosystem of independent live performance venues and promoters throughout the United States by supporting a transparent, competitive marketplace serving a diverse and inclusive community of artists, fans, and industry workers. The National Independent Venue Association (NIVA) is built on the same guiding principles and is the advocacy, sponsorship, and membership trade organization branch of the cause.

Administered by the National Independent Venue Foundation (NIVF), a 501(c)(3) organization, the NIVF Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) is dedicated to providing economic relief to independent, live performance venues and promoters, both for-profit and nonprofit, across the United States experiencing a critically severe financial emergency due to circumstances beyond their control.