COVID-19: Resources for Getting Economic Relief

The Authors Guild continues to engage with federal and state governments to draw attention to the enormous economic pressures that authors and journalists are facing and urge assistance under the various economic stimulus packages as well as with federal and state orders promulgated to deal with the COVID-19 crisis. This is an unprecedented time for all of us and we want to make sure that authors get the aid they deserve like all other workers. In the meantime, we want to inform you about benefits that you may qualify for under the $2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act, which was passed on March 27.

In addition to relief from the federal government, some states such as New York are looking to extend unemployment benefits during the crisis to freelancers. While we will do our best to update you on information about state-level relief as it becomes available, we will not be able to track the details of every program in each state and advise you to follow developments in your state.

As always, if you have questions, you can contact us.

Learn more about:

- Assistance for individual authors and journalists.
- Assistance for small businesses, including sole proprietors.
- Outline of tax relief for individuals, businesses, and charities.