



## Emergency Financial Assistance

### Grants to USA Book and Comic Book Store Owners for Financial Assistance During Crises, Including COVID-19

**GrantWatch ID#:** 189304

**Agency Type:** Foundation / Corporation

**Funding Source:** Book Industry Charitable Foundation (BINIC)

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Conf. Date:** 00/00/00

**Description:** Grants to USA, Puerto Rico, Guam, and US Virgin Islands bookstore owners and comic book retailers for financial assistance during unforeseen events and circumstances, including the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Eligible stores must have a physical location. The purpose of funding is to assist booksellers and comic retailers with unforeseen emergency financial needs.

#### Full Description:

##### Example Qualifying Events

- Domestic violence
- Funeral
- Natural disaster (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.)
- Man-made disaster (blackout, brownout)
- Homelessness and homelessness prevention
- Loss of household income due to emergency child or elder care
- Loss of household income due to death in the family
- Loss of household income due to disability
- Loss of household income due to disruption of business
- Loss of household income due to partner/spouse/household wage earner job loss
- Serious medical expense
- Utility shut-off and utility shut-off prevention
- Other

#### Eligibility:

- See RFP and/or Grant Guidelines for full eligibility

#### Additional Eligibility Criteria:

##### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a regular full- or part-time bookseller or comic retailer at a bricks-and-mortar bookstore in the United States, Puerto Rico, The U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam
- Must have been employed for a minimum of 90 days
- OR an employee of a bookstore closed which within the past 12 months (employee must have a minimum of 12 months tenure)
- OR were employed by Borders Group in the year 2011
- OR are the immediate family member of a deceased bookseller
- AND are experiencing an unforeseen financial hardship resulting from a specific, qualifying life event.

**Pre-Application Information:** If you are unsure if your situation qualifies, be in touch with the Foundation.

The Foundation assesses each request to determine how best to provide relief to the bookseller.

The current wait time to process applications for individual assistance is 7 days.

If approved, grants are paid to third-party vendors.

**Contact Information:** Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

For Non-COVID-19 related requests, fill out the inquiry form on the URL for Full Text link below, or call 1-866-733-9064.

If your request is related to COVID-19, please fill out the application for your situation here:

- Individual household assistance: <https://www.bincfoundation.org/accelerated-application-for-covid-19-emergency/>
- Independent bookstore assistance: <https://www.saveindiebookstores.com/application>
- Comic bookstore assistance: <https://www.bincfoundation.org/application-for-comic-book-store-assistance/>

Email for questions: [info@bincfoundation.org](mailto:info@bincfoundation.org)

**URL for Full Text (RFP):** <http://www.bincfoundation.org/assistance/>

**Geographic Focus:**

**USA: Alabama; Alaska; Arizona; Arkansas; California; Colorado; Connecticut; Delaware; Florida; Georgia; Hawaii; Idaho; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky; Louisiana; Maine; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New Mexico; New York City; New York; North Carolina; North Dakota; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina; South Dakota; Tennessee; Texas; Utah; Vermont; Virginia; Washington, DC; Washington; West Virginia; Wisconsin; Wyoming;**

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