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## The New Orleans Brass Band Musicians Relief Fund supports local musicians through a new cash grant program.

The **Save Our Brass Culture Foundation** introduced a new **grant opportunity for native New Orleans brass band musicians** to earn financial support in the wake of the COVID-19 health crisis. Funding for the grant is currently being crowdsourced on **GoFundMe** by Seth Bailin, a member of the New Orleans brass band community, and the Save Our Brass Culture Foundation, a non-profit organization started to **protect and serve the brass band culture** and interests.

The New Orleans Brass Band Musicians Relief Fund is set up to accommodate the way gigging musicians often get paid - in cash, “under the table,” or as splits from a tip bucket. The nature of these payments means most musicians are unable to apply for unemployment or other relief funds. Many cannot provide bank statements that prove the income they used to have and the income they’re losing each day the COVID-19 crisis extends. For this reason, The New Orleans Brass Band Musicians Relief Fund is **flexible and low-barrier**, and it supports musicians the same way unemployment supports the “formal workforce”: cash grants. The Save Our Brass Culture Foundation believes this is the most efficient and effective way to **support the New Orleans Brass Band community** in this time.

Eligibility for the grant is: You are an active brass band musician living in New Orleans, you have seen a loss in income because of cancelled gigs during the COVID-19 crisis, and you are from New Orleans. **All musicians who are eligible are encouraged to apply.**

Anyone with a love for the brass band culture who has it within their means to support is encouraged to donate, and is asked to **share the website link** below to their social and professional networks.

Apply, donate, contact, and stay connected at [www.SaveOurBrassFoundation.com](http://www.SaveOurBrassFoundation.com)