

## Financial Resources

### **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Cash Assistance**

TANF is a federal workforce development and employment program emphasizing work, training, and personal responsibility. Existing TANF customers receiving Families First benefits will be eligible to apply for this emergency cash assistance. Families can apply online for up to two months of emergency cash assistance if they were employed as of March 11, 2020 and they've lost employment or at least 50% of their earned income as a result of the pandemic. All TDHS offices are currently operating on appointment only as a precaution for COVID-19.

During this time, the department is asking applicants to complete the application process for emergency cash assistance online at

<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/news/2020/3/25/financial-aid-available-for-certain-families-that-lost-employment-due-to-covid-19.html>.

### **Industry Specific Assistance**

Many families may be affected by service industry layoffs. Various funds have been set up that they may be eligible for. The list is below. Please note, resources are constantly changing and this list is current as of March 24, 2020.

**Memphis Virtual Tip Jar** application for service industry workers that typically relied on tips to supplement hourly wages. Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd50axYGeCPOn5NRE\\_gw52n36hgJDLw5vhDCDDOCIAILkB\\_eg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd50axYGeCPOn5NRE_gw52n36hgJDLw5vhDCDDOCIAILkB_eg/viewform)

**Memphis Service Industry Tips** application for service industry workers that typically relied on tips to supplement hourly wages. Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMUxwOvTsmAnxvTRW1h-X5iBe9ftCCpHi9ap3VfK9fSrmqw/viewform>

**Memphis Food Industry Emergency Worker Assistance** is raising funds to support restaurant workers. Information can be found at this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/memphisfoodworkers>

**National Bartender Emergency Assistance** application is available for bartenders that can show proof of previous employment at this link:

[https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap?fbclid=IwAR3wBpdvYGOEruPkEGUzczKiXea9AWUVSx\\_L172oQiVMI4txamDbxwigGYs](https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap?fbclid=IwAR3wBpdvYGOEruPkEGUzczKiXea9AWUVSx_L172oQiVMI4txamDbxwigGYs)

**Music Export Memphis** has established a fund to provide financial relief for Memphis musicians who have lost income because of cancellations due to Coronavirus/COVID-19. More information can be found at this link: <https://musicexportmemphis.org/news/covid-19/>

**MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund** established by the The Recording Academy and its affiliated charitable foundation MusiCares helps people in the music industry affected by the

coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak and subsequent cancellation of multiple music events. Information can be found here: <https://www.grammy.com/musicares/get-help/musicares-coronavirus-relief-fund>

## **Employment Resources**

### **Tennessee Talent Exchange**

The Tennessee Talent Exchange pairs Tennessee workers who have been laid off with employers in grocery, retail, and logistics industries who need to hire more staff immediately. More information can be found here: <https://www.tn.gov/workforce/covid-19/jobs.html>

### **Comcast Free or Discounted Internet Access**

Comcast is offering 60 days of free internet access. With any service, be sure to terminate after 60 days so you aren't charged for service beyond the free period. Find out more <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19?linkId=84300755> or call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to confirm eligibility and apply.