**Sources of Financial and Practical Support**

**Actors’ Benevolent Fund**  
www.actorsbenevolentfund.co.uk  
office@abf.org.uk  
T: 020 7836 6378  
Care for actors unable to work because of poor health, an accident or frail old age.

**Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund**  
www.ctbf.co.uk  
info@ctbf.co.uk  
T: 020 7437 6567  
UK charity for Cinema, Film and TV professionals (not actors), supporting those facing personal and career challenges such as illness, injury, unemployment or finances.

**Dance Again Foundation**  
www.danceagain.org  
enquiries@danceagain.org  
The Dance Again Foundation will support injured dancers and their families with immediate post injury advice and help with early rehabilitation, working with the dancer’s medical team to achieve the optimum recovery. The aim is to enable the dancer to return safely to their career.

**Dancers’ Career Development**  
www.thedcd.org.uk  
admin@thedcd.org.uk  
T: 020 7831 1449  
Offer educational advice, career coaching, emotional counselling, CV and interview guidance, grants for retraining, business start-up grants, and on-going support for professional dancers whose performing career is drawing to a close.

**Dance Professionals Fund**  
www.dancefund.org.uk  
T: 01273 234 011  
Following the merger of the Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund and the Dance Teachers Benevolent Fund, the DPF assist present and former dance professionals with illness, injury, financial or personal difficulties.
One Dance UK do not grant funding but provide a wealth of practical help to dancers. Their Healthier Dancer Programme works to improve physical and psychological health in dance. As well as research, events, advocacy, Dance UK provide:

- Advice and information on health, fitness and injury prevention for dancers
- The Healthcare Practitioners Directory, a UK wide database of medical practitioners and complementary therapists with experience of working with dancers

Entertainment Artistes’ Benevolent Fund

Main priority is Brinsworth House residential home and caring for elderly beneficiaries. However, will consider applications for help from variety, circus performers etc.

Equity Charitable Trust

Help present and past members of Equity as well as other adult professional performers and their dependants, providing welfare grants to those unable to work because of poor health, an accident or old age. Also offer welfare rights and debt advice, and can provide education grants for retraining.

Help Musicians UK

Help Musicians UK are the leading UK charity for professional musicians of all genres, from starting out through to retirement. They help at times of crisis, but also at times of opportunity, giving people the extra support they need at a crucial stage that could make or break their career.

“We help emerging professionals to develop their talent and get started in a professional career. We help existing professionals who hit a crisis in their lives which can have a devastating effect on their career and families. We help with long-term or terminal illness and we help musicians in retirement and those needing special help as they grow older”.

Help Musicians UK, in partnership with BAPAM, also help music students suffering from performance-related health issues through the Music Student Health Scheme which provides specialist health advice and, if necessary, a grant of up to £500.
**Incorporated Society of Musicians Members Fund**  
www.ism.org membership@ism.org  
T: 020 7221 3499

Supports ISM members in financial need.

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**PRS for Music Members Benevolent Fund**  
www.prsformusicfund.com  
T: 020 7306 4067

Helps members of the Performing Rights Society suffering hardship due to illness, accident, disability or conditions associated with old age.

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**The Ralph and Meriel Richardson Foundation**  
www.sirralphrichardson.org.uk manager@sirralphrichardson.org.uk  
T: 07899 551 145

Helps members of the Performing Rights Society suffering hardship due to illness, accident, disability or conditions associated with old age.

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**Royal Society of Musicians**  
www.royalsocietyofmusicians.org  
T: 020 7629 6137

The Royal Society of Musicians is Britain’s oldest music charity and its aims remain as relevant today as they were in the earliest years – to provide immediate financial assistance to musicians unable to work due to accident, illness or old age.

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**Royal Theatrical Fund**  
www.trtf.com admin@trtf.com  
T: 020 7836 3322

Help stage/radio/film/TV performers who have worked professionally for over 7 years. Unlikely to fund private healthcare, but will provide grants or monthly allowances to help pay for medical equipment, or cope with illness/infirmity.
The Royal Opera House Benevolent Fund provides confidential advice, support and financial assistance to those past and present employees of the Royal Opera House and Birmingham Royal Ballet (and their dependants) who need help.

The Theatrical Guild supports those not in front of the curtain. They help crew members, electricians, stage door assistants, box office, ushers and many more all throughout the UK in times of need, assisting in a variety of ways including: offering financial support, sponsorship for education / retraining within the industry, one off grants, ongoing aid and access to counselling.

Among many charitable activities, the Fund help performers and their dependants who, because of old age or disability, are unable to work.