List of U.S. based organizations providing assistance for at-risk artists seeking refuge after displacement

**Art Omi**
Art Omi has five distinct residency programs: architecture, writers, artists, dance, and music. Residents are chosen through a competitive jury process, and all costs are covered except travel. The program provides all meals, and each night a local chef prepares dinner. Guests may select a residency of one week to two months. About 10 residents at a time gather to live and work in a rural setting overlooking the Catskill Mountains.

**Artist Protection Fund (APF)**
The Artist Protection Fund (APF) is an innovative program of the Institute of International Education (IIE), which has championed the exchange of people and ideas across the globe for almost a century. Established in 2015 and supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the APF provides relief and safe-havens to threatened artists on a large scale and for an extended residency period. Artists from any country and artistic discipline may qualify. Applications are reviewed on the basis of artistic merit, the quality/potential of the applicant's work, and the severity of threats faced by the applicant.

**Artistic Freedom Initiative (AFI)**
The AFI is a group of human rights activists, lawyers, academics, and artists working together to advance and promote artistic freedom and peaceful dialogue through art. The organization provides legal support services for artists seeking to relocate to the USA. Assistance is offered to artists who are facing censorship or persecution for their work. A portfolio required for the application, and artists already living in the USA seeking permanent residency are welcome to apply.

**Black Mountain Institute City of Asylum Fellowship**
The Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute City of Asylum fellowship provides sanctuary for writers facing censorship or persecution for their work. Writers are hosted by the Institute for a period of one to two years and receive a $45,000 annual stipend.
**CERF+ (Craft Emergency Relief Fund) | The Artists’ Safety Net**
Based in Vermont, the Craft Emergency Relief Fund or CERF+, is a leading national nonprofit organization whose mission is to safeguard the art, workspace, and livelihood of craft artists in the United States. The Craft Emergency Relief Fund provides up to $6,000 in financial assistance and no-interest loans up to $9,000. Artists who have lost their studios, homes, or access to artistic production are eligible. Emergency relief assistance includes grants, no-interest loans, booth fee waivers, and discounts on supplies and equipment. The “Get Ready” Grants encourage artists in craft disciplines to pursue emergency preparedness by providing funding for activities that can help safeguard their studios.

**Displaced Artists Fund at Vermont Studio Center**
Vermont Studio Center is the largest international residency program for artists and writers located in the US. The program offers 4-6-week residencies for visual artists and writers who have been displaced as a result of natural disasters or political turmoil. VSC is located in a rural setting and provides convenient access to rivers, mountains, fields, and streams.

**Fordham University Writer-At-Risk Residency Program**
The Fordham University Writer-At-Risk is one-year pilot project that offered a residency and visiting faculty position to writer at risk Kanchana Uggabe. This program is part New York Safe Haven Residency initiative (see below).

**Harvard Scholars-At-Risk Program**
This program is open to artists, lecturers, professors, researchers, writers, and other intellectuals who facing persecution for their work. The persecution may be related to the scholar’s work or a result of ethnic identity. The program offers a safe working environment, a stipend, insurance coverage, and travel costs for at-risk artists and scholars.

**Ithaca College City of Asylum**
Ithaca City of Asylum (ICOA) is a community organization dedicated to providing sanctuary to writers whose works are suppressed, whose lives are threatened, whose cultures are vanishing, or whose languages are endangered. The program provides housing, furnishings, transportation, translators’ fees, legal expenses, and performance and publication of new work.

**International Writers Project, Brown University**
The International Writers Project at Brown University provides institutional, intellectual, artistic, and social support to writers facing dangers and threats to their livelihood throughout the world. Each academic year, the project sponsors a resident fellowship for one writer and provides a 10-month fully funded living stipend and office.

**New York Safe Haven Residency Program**
New York City Safe Haven Program is a collaborative effort between ArtistSafety.net, Artistic Freedom Initiative, Residency Unlimited, Westbeth Artists Housing, Fordham University, and PEN America (with
ARC). The program was developed to address the complex challenges involved in supporting persecuted artists. This initiative has already provided a residency to three fellows at Westbeth Artists Housing.

**Pittsburgh City of Asylum**

City of Asylum Writer Residencies provide a safe haven for writers at risk. They also offer a broad range of literary programs to encourage cross-cultural exchange and create a thriving community for writers, readers, and neighbors.