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CHECK OUT THE ASCAP'S ARTICLE...  
**Here's What the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act  
Means for Music Creators**

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On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into law, providing financial relief and other benefits for many Americans, including music creators. To help ASCAP members navigate the new COVID-19 relief measures, they have outlined the key provisions for music creators.

[Read More >](#)

QUICK LINKS TO THE  
**\*NEW\* 2021 TAX UPDATES**

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**TAX DEADLINES**

- Federal Deadline extended to May 17, 2021
- State of Hawai'i deadline remains at April 20, 21

**2021 TAX CREDITS EXPLAINED**

- [Individual Tax Credits](#)

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## THE LATEST ON CORONA VIRUS TAX RELIEF

- [Stimulus Payments](#) (tracking and how to file a claim for missing stimulus checks)
  - [Individuals and Families](#)
  - [Businesses and Tax-Exempt Entities](#)
  - [Health Plans and Retirement Plans](#)
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## SWEET RELIEF: COVID-19 APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

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### Sweet Relief Musicians Fund is Still Taking Applications

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- At least 3 years where more than 50% of your income came from employment in the music industry or as a musician, and currently negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- Required Documentation: Please include the following items required with the completed application: (Applications will not be processed without this information)
- Proof of Music Industry Employment (publications, link to ASCAP or BMI repertoire, note from employer(s))
- A biography, resume, or discography
- Documentation of loss of income (copy of your contract, flyers or links to event sites listing your involvement in the canceled event, letter/email from employer identifying cancellation, etc.)
- Additionally, you can create an individual fundraiser with the Sweet Relief Musicians fund.
- [Click here for more details and grant application](#) (at the very bottom of the page)

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## UTILITY ASSISTANCE

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### **Federal Assistance for Phone Services:**

Since 1985, the Lifeline program has provided a discount on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that phone service brings, including being able to connect to jobs, family and emergency services. Lifeline is part of the Universal Service Fund. The Lifeline program is available to eligible low-income consumers in every state, territory, commonwealth, and on Tribal lands.

[Learn More >](#)

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### **LIHEAP for Energy Assistance**

Hawaii participates in the LIHEAP assistance program is a federally funded energy bill assistance program. Financial help in the form of a grant or credit on an account is provided to both struggling and lower-income households who need assistance paying for their home energy bills. Much of the financial aid goes to paying winter heating or gas bills, with some states offering LIHEAP during the summer months as well for air conditioning as well as electric bills. Scroll down tot the bottom of the page, select Hawaii and the application process starts.

[Federal Link >](#)

[Hawaii Link >](#)

Phone: [\(808\)521-4531](tel:(808)521-4531)

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## Have you taken our 2021 Survey?

We want to hear from you!

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We are updating our records and would like to know how 2021 has been so far! The number one concern for 2020 was getting back to work, and now that the islands are slowly opening up, are you seeing any improvement?

Do you have any suggestions, recommendations or concerns? We do want to hear from you. The Henry Kapon Foundation continues to look for ways to help the industry get back to business and your feedback is important to us!

[Email us by clicking here](#)

*Click below to contribute to the 2021 Survey*

[Take Our Survey >](#)

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**THE MUSIC TOOLBOX** is the name of our new Relief & Aid Resource Center comprised of **RESOURCES** for you to check out that may help you during this time of need on the Henry Kapon Foundation Website. Check back as we discover new Resources that we feel may help they will be added to this page.

[VIEW RESOURCES HERE >](#)

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## Ways To Support

Together We Can Make A Difference

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The Henry Kapon Foundation is excited to announce that we are now a registered charitable organization with Amazon Smile!

*“Aloha,  
2020 took us all by surprise leaving us all in shock. The Henry Kapon Foundation recognized the effect this would have on Hawaii’s music community and took immediate action. Thanks to you and the support of many others we were able to contribute to the sustainability of Hawaii’s Music Community. I would like you to know how much you are appreciated, not just by myself, the HKF and especially Hawaii’s Music Community.”*

— MAHALO NUI LOA, TAKE CARE & GOD BLESS - HENRY KAPONO

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