

About The AFC

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(★) **The AFC is the lifeline for Canada's entertainment industry.** We provide compassionate aid to Canadian entertainment professionals working in all aspects of film, TV, music, theatre & dance.

(★) Previously known as the Actors' Fund of Canada, we have evolved our brand to help Canadian entertainment professionals understand that what we do is by, for, and about them.

(★) What does The AFC stand for? It used to stand for the Actors' Fund of Canada, but now we're simply "The AFC." **If you work in Canada's entertainment industry, The AFC stands for you.**

(★) The AFC is supported by many unions and guilds, but is an independent organization with its own policies and procedures. **Information provided to The AFC is confidential.**

(★) The AFC can provide emergency assistance with costs of necessities to help entertainment professionals maintain their health, housing, or ability to work.

(★) **Who is eligible to apply for help from The AFC?**

Canadian entertainment professionals who have:

- *Earned more than half their income working in any aspect of the Canadian entertainment industry over the past three years*
- *Earned the majority of their income from the Canadian entertainment industry, if over 65*
- *Experienced an unforeseeable emergency (such as injury, illness or other severe personal or professional hardship) that has led to a financial crisis*
- *Made reasonable efforts to find other means of income or support*

(★) To apply for assistance from The AFC, fill out our application form and provide supporting documents. Find the form and other important information here: AFChelps.ca/GetHelp

(★) The AFC works quickly to respond to immediate emergencies. Once an application is complete it typically takes one to two weeks to determine if or how we can help.

(★) The AFC is an expression of the community's good will supported by unions and guilds and industry organizations, community fundraising and individual donors.

(★) **The AFC can help with basic necessities like:**

- *Rent or mortgage payments to prevent homelessness*
- *Grocery costs*
- *Transportation costs*
- *Medical costs*
- *Emergency dental costs*
- *Utility bills*
- *Dues*
- *Phone and internet*
- *Childcare expenses*
- *Emergency relocation, moving, or travel costs*

The AFC logo consists of the letters 'AFC' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a red, triangular background that points downwards and to the right.