Welcome to ArtsReady, your source for readiness resources and an application that makes business continuity planning easy. There are two levels of membership in the ArtsReady movement. Sign up as a free basic member, to receive the quarterly newsletter and ArtsReady alerts, occasional, regionally based advice in the event of a focused crisis. Basic members can also utilize the vast ArtsReady library. Loaded with articles from the cultural community, here you will find guidance and examples to help you as you plan for the unexpected. Useful links provide a general collection of recovery and response information. Current news keeps you abreast of the latest in planning and disasters affecting arts institutions. When your arts organization joins ArtsReady as a premium member, you will receive full access to the entire ArtsReady platform. Upon login, each premium member organization comes to its very own dashboard. From the dashboard you can develop your customized plan through the four key ArtsReady features. The assessment, to dos, our critical stuff and the battle buddy network. Let’s go ahead and get started with our plan, this will lead us to the first portion, the assessment. In an hour or less a high level member of your organization will assess your institution for its readiness. Before you start you can unselect activities and resources that don’t apply to what you do. Once in the assessment you will see the critical functions sections that guide the ArtsReady system. These functions were designated after two years of research in the cultural community. Each assessment section has a series of readiness statement related to its critical function. As you read each one, you will decide how prepared your organization is in relation to the statement and how important it is to your overall plan. Considering critical functions like this, rather than the type of disaster allows you to create a comprehensive strategy based on an all hazards approach. You develop ways to protect your daily activities rather than thinking of all the things that could go wrong. From peoples resources to grant making to technology to performances, you decide what’s included in your plan based on what your organization does. From the assessment ArtsReady automatically produces a to-do list to get your organizations preparedness plan in place. From here, planning becomes self-paced, to work within your organizations time table. You’re able to assign staff and set deadlines for each to do item. Those assigned tasked will receive notification from the system and reminders of when the task is due for completion. Each item has its own detail page where progress can be logged and research completed related to the subject at hand. On an annual basis the to-do system also automatically prompts you to re-assess your organization. This ensures that your plan will always be as up to date as possible, so you can be caught off guard with wrong information. Many to do items will suggest that your organization uploads its files into its critical stuff section. Similar to virtual safety deposit box, critical stuff is an ultra-secure cloud based storage designed to hold your most vital organizational files. From insurance policies to contact list, everything you may need in the event of emergency can be uploaded, linked and stored here so they are available to you from any interest based device anytime, anywhere. Plus, thanks to the reminders, set by the to-do function you’ll always know that the files in critical stuff are as up to date as possible. Last but not least we have our fourth and final key component in the ArtsReady platform. Through the battle buddy network your organization can develop relationships with sister organizations so you can
help each other in times of need. Then if a problem does arise, you can respond to a buddy in crisis through our lend a hand feature. If you have a problem you can activate the crisis mode. The system will notify battle buddies, informing them of your problem. You can list resources you need and track your issue through a crises console so the story is told once and your buddies can spring into action on your behalf. And that’s the ArtsReady platform! Join the movement today so you can keep your organization’s doors open no matter what!