

Santa Fe Arts Commission ART IS THE SOLUTION Fund 2024

Theme: Structural Inequity in O’Ga P’Ogeh Owingeh (Santa Fe)

Applications due December 4, 2023, at 5:00 PM MST

The Arts Commission announces the “Art is the Solution: Structural Inequity” grant program for 2023-2024. Five (5) grants will be awarded in the amount of \$10,000 each to support artists’ projects that incorporate the issue of structural inequity and its impact on Santa Fe, in order to enrich the experience and understanding of our city for residents and visitors.

about

The Arts Commission, an advisory committee to the Governing Body, believes in the power of art and creativity to address complex social issues. The Art is the Solution Fund 2023-24 will support projects that address the theme of “Structural Inequity.” This grant is designed to provide direct support to Santa Fe artists whose work addresses the power imbalances that exist when one group has historically set the rules that intentionally or unintentionally exclude others from access to wealth and resources. Structural inequity exists across a wide range of social issues, including health care, education, economic development, environmental impact, clean water access, gender, race, class, ability, and many more. Artists have a unique ability to challenge these imbalanced and nonreciprocal systems and policies through their work. Art can raise awareness of the inequities, create spaces for dialogue and healing, and inspire others to take action.

We encourage applications from arts practitioners of all backgrounds and disciplines, including visual art, film/video, literature, architecture, music composition, performing arts, culinary arts, design, and interdisciplinary arts. Project examples might include public art installations, community workshops, performances, exhibits, publication projects such as zines, books, or anthologies, multimedia work, collaborative/interdisciplinary partnerships with other organizations, and many other possible forms.

Potential applicants should carefully read the requirements to ensure they are able to meet them, if funded.

eligibility

- Artists must be residents of Santa Fe County.
- Projects must take place within Santa Fe City or County.
- The funding requested in this proposal can be used as seed money to launch a new project or to support an existing project in progress.
- To receive full funding, all projects must conclude by June 20, 2024, with a final project report to be submitted by that deadline.
- Grantees will present their project to the Arts Commission at the conclusion of the timeline.
- Individual artists or groups of artists are encouraged to apply. The definition of group DOES NOT include 501(c)(3) organizations. Group applications must identify a single artist to serve as the Lead Artist to receive the grant award.
- Individual artists will be required to submit a signed W9 form.

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INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- City of Santa Fe-operated programs are not eligible.
- Current Arts and Culture Department-funded projects are not eligible.

criteria

Applications will undergo assessment based on the following criteria, with a maximum achievable score of 100 points:

Project Description and Artistic Concept (40 points)

- Demonstrated understanding of structural inequity and its relevance in the artwork
- Clarity of the artistic concept related to addressing structural inequity
- Originality and creativity in the approach
- Potential to provoke critical thinking, spark conversation, and influence social change

Artistic Quality (30 points)

- Proficiency and skill in the chosen medium

Community Engagement (30 points)

- Established involvement with community or communities impacted by the issues of structural inequity
- Plans for community collaboration and public engagement
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusivity and social change in the project

to apply

Online application on JotForm **due Monday, December 4, 2023 by 5:00 pm MST. No late applications will be considered.** Applicants will submit:

- Contact information
- Project description
- Description of their background and proficiency in the chosen medium, along with a work sample
- Community engagement plan
- Evaluation plan: what criteria will determine that the project is a success
- A project budget

Link to apply via JotForm: <https://form.jotform.com/233025677312149>

process

- Submit project proposal via JotForm no later than **Friday, December 4** at 5pm MST.
- Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the Arts Commission.
- Awards will be announced at the December 2023 Arts Commission Meeting.
- Arts and Culture Department staff will notify selected artists/organizations and enter into contractual agreement.

Questions? Please contact Arts & Culture Department staff at artscommission@santafenm.gov