

2016 ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM: NEW ORLEANS INITIATIVE

The Joan Mitchell Foundation is pleased to announce our 2016 initiative to support artists through its funding of organizations based in New Orleans. This funding will be directed to programs and projects that engage visual artists, and align with the Foundation's mission and values. Based on the Foundation's role in New Orleans and commitment to its dynamic arts community, we are excited to support organizations invested in the city's individual visual artists.

In 2015 through this initiative, the Foundation supported 17 organizations in New Orleans around projects and programs that worked directly with artists. We are excited to continue this support of New Orleans organizations for one final year in 2016. In 2017, the Organizational Grant Program will end, as the Foundation will be moving away from supporting organizations, and instead will be centering its focus on direct support to artists and continuing to develop deep partnerships with them.

The Foundation's focus in organizational granting is to support the promotion of cultural equity and expanded opportunities for artists at all points in their careers.

MISSION

The Joan Mitchell Foundation increases recognition of the work and life of pioneering abstract painter Joan Mitchell. Grounded in Mitchell's desire to support the aspirations of visual artists, the Foundation engages individual artists through grant-making, programming, and collaborations. We work to amplify the essential contributions artists make to the culturally diverse world in which we live.

VISION

The Joan Mitchell Foundation is both a model for how resources can be offered to artists, and an advocate for the value of artists. The impact the Foundation seeks to have is to help create a world in which the following conditions exist:

- » Artists are valued and thriving
- » The visual artists who are recognized in contemporary culture reflect and represent the diverse world in which we live
- » A comprehensible and comprehensive set of systems provide resources for artists' lives and careers

VALUES

The Joan Mitchell Foundation is:

- » Artist-centered
- » Diverse in demographics and perspectives
- » Responsive
- » Comprehensive
- » Sustainable

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- » Programs and projects that have significant and demonstrable direct impact to visual artists
- » Work that contributes to positive change: a vision of an artist as a catalyst for positive change in their community, or in terms of support towards positive change in an artist's career
- » Organizations that align with the Foundation's values by prioritizing diversity of artists served, inclusivity, and access

FUNDING CATEGORIES

- » Artist legacy
- » Arts education
- » Conference support
- » Critical arts writing
- » Emergency response and preparedness
- » Exhibition support (including community engaged projects and public art projects)
- » Professional development
- » Publications/catalogs
- » Re-granting for artist projects
- » Reports, studies, and convenings
- » Visual arts programming
- » Website support

GRANT SCALE

Annual Operating Budget	Maximum Grant Amount Possible
Under \$100,000	\$10,000
\$100,000 - \$500,000	\$15,000
Over \$500,000	\$25,000

First time grantees have a maximum grant amount possible of \$10,000.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Organizations based in the greater New Orleans area that are supporting visual artists in one of the funding categories listed above, and whose work aligns with the Foundation's mission and values.

This program is open to both past organizational grantees and organizations new to the Foundation. We can support both 501c3s and organizations working with a fiscal sponsor.

HOW TO APPLY

Organizations interested in applying should submit a letter of inquiry by **June 6, 2016**. LOIs should be 1-3 pages outlining the organization's mission, a description of the project or program for which funding is being sought, and grant request amount. Selected organizations will be invited to submit a full application in July and grants will be announced in October 2016. Applications will be reviewed by Foundation staff, board members, and an outside advisor.

Please send LOIs and any questions to Julia Rooney at nolaorg@joanmitchellfoundation.org.