

Joan Mitchell Foundation
2015 Organizational Grant Program:
New Orleans Initiative

The Joan Mitchell Foundation is pleased to announce that over one third of its 2015 Organizational Grant Program budget will be specifically allocated to fund arts 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 institutions invested in the city's individual visual artists.

This is a period of transition for the Foundation's Organizational Grant Program as we are currently embarking on a strategic planning process. There will likely be further changes to the Organizational Grant Program next year, but this 2015 initiative will provide an opportunity to grant New Orleans organizations through a process with increased transparency, inclusivity, and consistency.

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.

Foundation Mission

The Joan Mitchell Foundation celebrates the legacy of Joan Mitchell and expands her vision to support the aspirations and development of diverse contemporary artists. We work to broaden the recognition of artists and their essential contributions to communities and society.

Foundation Values

- Artist-centered
- Intentionally diverse
- Invested in collaboration
- Nimble and responsive
- Respectful of multiple perspectives
- Working to create fairer, more just communities

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/catalogues
- Re-granting for artist projects
- Reports, studies, and convenings
- Visual arts programming
- Website support

Grant Scale

<i>Annual Operating Budget</i>	<i>Maximum Grant Amount Possible</i>
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 3, 2015. 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 2015. Applications will be reviewed by Foundation staff, board members, and an outside advisor.

Please send LOIs and any questions to Allison Hawkins at ahawkins@joanmitchellfoundation.org.