

Request for Grant Proposals for Individual Community Engaged Artist-Leaders

Proposals due: October 1, 2021



Be the Street, Global Arts & Humanities Discovery Theme Project

1. Introduction

We intend this grant to support individuals pursuing training or development for their own capacity as an arts-based community leader.

Possible themes of work may include:

- Community engagement
- Access, Equity, and Justice
- Education
- Arts, Communication, and Multimedia
- Community care
- Children and Families
- Economic and Community Development
- Food and Agriculture
- Health, Nutrition, and Wellness
- Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility
- Creative Placemaking
- Creative Aging
- Immigrant and Refugee Support

2. Background

OSU's Global Arts & Humanities' *Be the Street* (BTS) originated as a community-engaged performance project dedicated to creating collaborative spaces with and for community within the Hilltop neighborhood through storytelling and performance.

After three years of over 150 performance workshops and two public performances, *Be the Street* went virtual during the COVID pandemic. During 2020-2021, *Be the Street* leaders facilitated 12 unique sessions training community leaders in creative self & community care, creative connecting over zoom, and facilitating inclusive meetings.

Now, as the program comes to an end, *Be the Street* is sponsoring new and ongoing projects that utilize the creative arts or creative arts pedagogy to address a community need or dream.

3. Funding Structure and timeline

Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$500.

RFP released: July 30, 2021

Proposals Due: October 1, 2021

Intent to fund announced: October 15, 2021

Payment funds dispersed: by the end of October

4. Eligible Expenses

Funding must support training or development for individual arts-engaged community leaders. Eligible expenses include:

- Registration cost for a training or workshop (online or in-person)
- Per diem while attending a training or workshop
- Travel expenses – transportation, lodging, etc.
- Childcare while attending a training or workshop

5. Qualified Applicants

Any community leader, artist, activist is eligible to apply for funds. All proposals must serve Ohio residents. Funds are for community arts projects not individual artist work.

6. Questions

Feel free to reach out with questions or to talk with someone about your proposal. To do so, email Katey Borland (borland.19@osu.edu) before September 17th.

7. Submission Requirements and checklist

Grant proposals must be submitted as a PDF by October 1, 2021 at midnight on the Be the Street website: <https://u.osu.edu/bethestreet/2021-request-for-grant-proposals-individual-community-engaged-artist-leaders/>

Proposals must include:

- How do you describe yourself as an arts-based community leader?
- Who do you work with? (ex. Youth, older adults, recent immigrants, folks living with addiction, etc)
- What type of work do you do? (artform, themes, etc)
- How does your work address community needs or dreams?
- How the award will support your growth or development as an arts based community leader? What do you hope to learn or gain by using these funds?
- How will you use the money? (A description and a detailed budget)
- If applicable, what other funds do you have? (grants, etc)
- Additionally:
 - one (1) letter of support from a colleague, mentor, or employer must be uploaded with the application. These should be uploaded as separate PDFs.
 - Applicants must submit a CV or Resume with their application.

8. Scoring

Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee made up of three *Be the Street* team leaders.

The committee will evaluate the proposal for clarity of goals, identified need, use of arts or arts practices to address community need, applicant(s) history of community engagement.

9. Term of Contract

The term for this contract, if awarded, shall be October 15th, 2021 through May 15th, 2022.

10. Equal Opportunity

This is an equal opportunity RFP. We welcome and encourage applications from qualified individuals of every ability, age, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, and veteran status.

11. Other Requirements

Letter of support from a colleague, mentor, or employer must be uploaded with the application.

Applicant's CV or Resume must also be uploaded.

Awardees are expected to send a brief report (in any form: written, audio, video, photographic) of how they used the funds and highlights of what they learned at the culmination of their project. Reports may be featured on the *Be the Street* website.