



## A Road Together (ART) – Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What are the differences between the 1-year and 3-year tracks?** The differences between the two funding lanes are (a) budget eligibility; and (b) proposal review processes.

### Budget Eligibility

- For the **1-Year ART Grant**, there is no operating budget minimum. The budget maximum is \$1,000,000\*.
- For the **3-Year ART Grant**, there is an operating budget minimum of \$100,000, and a budget maximum of \$1,000,000\*.

\*The budget amounts are calculated based on the average dollar amount of two years of an organization's audited financial statements (audits, 990s, etc.)

### Proposal Review

Although proposals from both funding lanes will undergo evaluation using the same [scoring rubric](#), the selection process for the 3-Year track will involve a panel of Chicago art sector leaders, who will review, score, and make recommendations to Field Foundation's Board of Directors for grant approval.

- 2. Is this funding available to organizations outside of heat map communities?** The ART grant program prioritizes organizations operating within the Field Foundation's [heat maps](#), with particular focus on Chicago's South and West Sides. However, we welcome applications from Chicago-area organizations that demonstrate a dedication to community and racial equity in their artistic and creative initiatives. Funding overall is limited to the greater Chicagoland area.
- 3. What is the application process and timeline?** The application portal will open on the [Field Foundation website](#) on **Monday, April 15**, and the deadline to apply is **Friday, May 17**. This is a one-stage application process, meaning that a letter of inquiry (LOI) is not required. Following the portal closing, Field will convene a committee of leaders from Chicago's creative community to review, select, and determine funding amounts based on a [scoring rubric](#). We aim to complete the panel review process during the summer months and announce the grant recipients in November, with funds disbursed soon after.
- 4. Who are the panel of reviewers?** Panelists' names will be shared when organizations receive updates on their ART grant status in November 2024.
- 5. What are the grant amounts?**
  - **1-Year ART Grants** will range between \$10,000 and \$50,000.
  - **3-Year ART Grants** will range between \$25,000 and \$100,000 per year. This means the total grant amount over the 3 years will be between \$75,000 and \$300,000.
- 6. How can the funds be used?** The ART grant program provides general operating funds, meaning organizations receiving ART funding may use the grant dollars as appropriate for their organization's needs, including organizational programming, capacity needs, staffing, etc.



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- 7. Are fiscally sponsored organizations eligible?** No. Organizations must be identified as a 501(c)3 organizations by the IRS at the time of proposal submission.