


A Road Together

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Welcome

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Words from bell hooks

Love is a combination of care, commitment, knowledge, responsibility, respect, and trust.



Geographic Priority Areas


ART: Geographic Priority Areas

The Field Foundation created a series of maps, outlining geographic areas where an analysis of quality-of-life factors indicates areas of greatest need.

[Explore the Map](#)



Our Partnership

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Eligibility

- ✓ Chicago-based arts + culture organization
- ✓ Operating budget maximum of \$1M
- ✓ Operating budget minimum of \$25K
- ✓ Grant range: \$10K – \$100K
- ✓ 501c(3) status
- ✓ Fiscally sponsored organization – not eligible

2026 Scoring Rubric



CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	WT	2 — STRONG	1 — MODERATE	0 — LITTLE / NONE
PANELIST REVIEW					
Community Engagement & Creative Relevance	Programs exemplify high relevance to communities engaged	20%	Strong community engagement with relevant creative programs identified by community members	Some engagement and relevant programs, but could be stronger	Little to no community engagement or relevant creative programming
Impact & Outcomes	Programs/services have a positive impact on Chicago's communities	20%	Strong and meaningful impact for the communities served	Some impact for the communities served	Little to no impact identified for the communities served
Goals & Alignment	Mission and programs align with Field Foundation's mission	10%	Strongly aligned with Field Foundation's mission	Somewhat aligned with Field Foundation's mission	Little to no alignment with Field Foundation's mission
FIELD FOUNDATION REVIEW					
Geographic Priority Areas	Located within and offers most programs within Field Foundation's geographic priority areas.	20%	In and offers most programs within Field Foundation's geographic priority areas	Not in Field Foundation's geographic priority areas but offers substantial programs within it	Does not offer programs within Field Foundation's geographic priority areas.
Fiduciary Compliance	Financial history shows a cycle of fiduciary responsibility	10%	Continuous cycle of fiduciary responsibility via financial statements	Moderate cycle of fiduciary responsibility via financial statements	Inconsistent cycle of fiduciary responsibility via financial statements
Budget Size	Priority given to organizations with operating budgets below \$500,000	10%	Operating budget below \$500,000	Operating budget \$500,001 – \$750,000	Operating budget above \$750,001
Staff Size	Priority given to orgs with 5 FTE (full-time equivalent) staff or fewer	10%	5 FTEs or fewer	6 to 9 FTE staff	10 or more FTEs



Three-Year Funding Lane

YEAR 1 (25 orgs)

COHORT 1

YEAR 2 (50 orgs)

COHORT 1

COHORT 2

YEAR 3 (75 orgs)

COHORT 1

COHORT 2

COHORT 3

YEAR 4 (75 orgs)

COHORT 2

COHORT 3

COHORT 4



Key Dates

- **April 13 at 12:01am** Portal Opens
- **May 15 at 11:59pm** Portal Closes
- **June – August** Panel Review
- **November** ART Announcement



Questions & Contact

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