



## Monthly Board Brief, November 2021

### **Outcomes/Impact**

1. Funding Programs: Analysis of FY21 Grants Closeout data is ongoing. Preliminary analysis shows increases in participation due to virtual programming. Some statistics of note include:
  - o Total participation: 9,371,655
  - o Total FTE Jobs Directly Supported: 762.32
  - o All Council Districts engaged
  - o Free Activities: 17,499
  - o Free Tickets for fee-based activities/events given out: 43,084
2. Media Mentions and Updates.
  - o The Tennessean: [Elisheba Israel Mrozik: 'I'm hoping to change the reaction to the Black form to a positive one'](#)
  - o The Tennessean (video): [Artist Elisheba Israel Mrozik on mural in Nashville](#)
3. Racial Equity: REAL Reflections event took place 11/2; 93 registrants, 50 logins

### **Key Upcoming Priorities**

1. Donelson Branch Library Public Art. The Call to Artists, including both interior and exterior public art project opportunities, launched October 18 and will end at midnight November 17. The selection panel will convene in late November to begin reviewing submissions.
2. Mill Ridge Park Public Art. Artist collective Daily Tous Les Jours (DTLJ) and Metro Arts have expanded and extended their work with local artist apprentice Robbie Lynn Hunsinger. DTLJ and Hunsinger will spend the upcoming months collaborating with musicians and composers to ensure local cultural diversity is represented in distinct music genres featured in the interactive final artwork. The project is on schedule to install in Spring of 2022.
3. Stix Lighting Design: In late October, Christian Moller, lighting designer Tao Ham and staff tested several lighting options and determined additional in-ground uplighting is the most appropriate choice for the artwork and site. New lights will be installed on elevated concrete posts near each pole. Products have been ordered and site work preparation with Rains Electric has begun. Work is estimated to be complete after the first of the year.
4. Public Art Policies: Staff continue to work with Metro legal, CARE and other Metro stakeholders to make updates and improvements to the Donated Artwork Policy and Temporary Art on Metro Property policy. Several temporary art applications and one collection donation are actively underway.

5. [Thrive: Community Practice Artist Incubator](#). Staff is recruiting and coordinating mentors and selection panelists for Thrive Cycle 2 and continuing to collaborate with Parthenon staff on planning
6. [Youth Programs](#): Regular programs and development of partnerships and pilot programs in MNPS youth courts underway
7. [Racial Equity](#): Draft Equity Lens will be distributed to all Committee Chairs for engagement and completion by February 2022; REAL Project Guidelines in development; BIPOC Arts Administrators Event planned for January 2022
8. [Grants and Funding](#): FY23 Guidelines in development, planned for Commission review in December.