



Monthly Board Brief, February 2022

Key Upcoming Priorities

1. Donelson Branch Library Public Art (ACTION). Final semi-finalist interviews for both exterior and interior projects were scheduled for early January. Because of increased incidences of COVID and public meeting regulations, those interviews have been rescheduled for late February and early March. A finalist artist for each project will be brought to the Commission for final approval in March. Due to library staff changes and a panelist's request to withdraw from the selection panel, staff is recommending an amended Donelson Library Selection Panel slate.
2. Grants and Funding. FY23 Application opened January 27, 41 applications already received by priority pre-application deadline of February 10; so far 4 new organizations have applied; required pre-application closes March 4; final deadline to apply is March 10
3. HR and Hiring. Chuck Beard has accepted the Administrative Services Officer 2 position "Artist and Organizational Support Coordinator." Allison Quintanilla Plattsmier has accepted PT Contract Data Coordinator position. Both are being oriented to work and projects.
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.
5. Racial Equity. Draft Equity Lens will be distributed to all Committee Chairs for engagement and completion by March 2022; BIPOC Arts Administrators Event planned for March 2022; new CARE members have been selected and orientation onboarding is being developed.
6. Strategic Planning. On pause while working through meeting logistics
7. Thrive. Community Practice Artist Incubator workshops and projects underway; one artist has returned Thrive award; staff is in communication with all Thrive recipients and requested feedback on current situation and best strategies moving forward
8. Youth Programs. POWER Youth Site Partners have been approved. Youth applications will open soon. DIAL interviewees have been selected and interviews will start February 9th. Restorative Arts is ongoing as staff is also working on a transition/relaunch plan and FY24 Restorative Arts Guidelines. In the interim, organizations with closest alignment to current guidelines will continue to receive funding.
9. CARE. Four new Community Members for CARE have been notified that they will be appointed by Chair. That leaves three vacancies that may be filled on a rolling basis. CARE is working on updating onboarding procedures.