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Ruth Foundation for the Arts Announces 2025–2028 Core Grant Recipients

Awarding \$25.35 Million to 169 Organizations in Expanded Three-Year Program

Milwaukee, WI, January 9, 2026— The Ruth Foundation for the Arts (Ruth Arts) is pleased to announce the 2025–2028 recipients of their Core Grants, now awarding \$25.35 million in unrestricted funds over three years to 169 arts and cultural organizations across the country. The \$8.45 million awarded annually nearly doubles the \$4.5 million awarded to organizations in 2024. This cycle also marks a shift from a one-year grant to a multi-year program, with recipients receiving a total of \$150,000 over three years.

Core Grants were introduced in 2022 as an application-based program open to previous recipients of an Artist Choice award. Designed to provide current grantees with opportunities for additional unrestricted support, Core applications are initially reviewed by a rotating group of readers who work across disciplines and regions. During each cycle, a relevant theme frames the grant questions meant to invite collaboration and reflection within the applicant organization.

“While the specific application questions change each cycle, the program always encourages deep self-reflection. The questions prompt each organization to examine and reconnect with their own unique values, histories, and the ‘core’ of who they are,” said Senior Grants Manager Zola Yi. “In turn, insights from the readers—esteemed peers from across the field—allow us as a Foundation to better understand the priorities of the arts ecosystem as a whole. Findings throughout the first three iterations of the program have shaped Core into what it looks like today: a multi-year structure for unrestricted grants, aiming to provide organizations with the stability and space for long-term planning.”

As a national program, Core provides a snapshot of the current cultural landscape each year, giving insights into the strategic, imaginative, and critical ways organizations are approaching their work today. Ranging from emergent organizations to longstanding institutions, each successful organization receives a grant of \$150,000 over three years.

The 2025–2028 Core Grant recipients are:

ACRE Chicago, IL/Steuben, WI	Arts of Life Chicago, IL	Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center Asheville, NC
Alaska Native Heritage Center, to support Alaska Native PLACE Anchorage, AK	Asia Art Archive in America Brooklyn, NY	BlackStar Projects Philadelphia, PA
Alice Austen House Staten Island, NY	Asian American Arts Alliance New York, NY	Brooklyn Rail Brooklyn, NY
AMBOS Project Los Angeles, CA	Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality, to support QTViet Cafe Collective Berkeley, CA	The Center for Afrofuturist Studies at Public Space One Iowa City, IA
Angels Gate Cultural Center, to support Slanguage Studio Wilmington, CA	BAAD! Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance Bronx, NY	Center for Hmong Arts and Talent St. Paul, MN
Antenna New Orleans, LA	BalletX Philadelphia, PA	Center for Land Use Interpretation Culver City, CA
Appalshop Jenkins, KY	Baxter St at the Camera Club of New York New York, NY	Center for Native Futures Chicago, IL
Arab American Community Development Corporation, to support La La Lil Jidar Philadelphia, PA	Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts Omaha, NE	The Center for Photography at Woodstock Kingston, NY
Art Enables Washington, DC	Benny Andrews Estate Brooklyn, NY	Charlotte Street Foundation Kansas City, MO
ArteEast New York, NY	Big Car Collaborative Indianapolis, IN	The Clay Studio Philadelphia, PA
Artists Alliance Inc, to support Black Painters Academy New York, NY	Black Art Library Detroit, MI	Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Denver, CO
Arts at Large Milwaukee, WI	Black Arts MKE Milwaukee, WI	Coleman Center for the Arts York, AL
Arts Foundation of Kosciusko Kosciusko, MS	Black Lunch Table Chicago, IL	Community Partners, to support Las Fotos Projects Los Angeles, CA

Contemporary Art Library Los Angeles, CA	Ecosystems of Care, to support Cooperation Racine Chicago, IL	Harlem Stage New York, NY
Contemporary Arts Memphis Memphis, TN	Elsewhere Greensboro, NC	Hawai‘i International Film Festival Honolulu, HI
Corita Art Center Los Angeles, CA	Experimental Sound Studio Chicago, IL	Headlands Center for the Arts Sausalito, CA
Cousin Collective, to support New Red Order National	FD13 Residency for the Arts Minneapolis, MN	Henry Street Settlement, in support of Abrons Arts Center New York, NY
Creative Growth Art Center Oakland, CA	Fictional Artists Contemporary Theatre San Francisco, to support RUPTURE National	High Concept Laboratories Chicago, IL
Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts Pendleton, OR	The Field, to support POT Los Angeles, CA	Human Resources LA Los Angeles, CA
Culture Push New York, NY	First Light Alaska Anchorage, AK	Hyde Park Art Center Chicago, IL
Dance Place Washington, DC	First Peoples Fund Rapid City, SD	IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts Santa Fe, NM
Danspace Project New York, NY	Fractured Atlas, to support Trades A.i.R. Honolulu, HI	Independent Arts & Media, to support its Anti-Eviction Mapping Project fund New York, NY
Deaf Spotlight Seattle, WA	Materials for the Arts Long Island City, NY	Indigenous Peoples Task Force, to support Ikidowin Theater Ensemble Minneapolis, MN
Denniston Hill Glen Wild, NY	Fusebox Austin, TX	Institute 193 Lexington, KY
Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network San Francisco, CA	The Griot Museum of Black History St. Louis, MO	ISSUE Project Room Brooklyn, NY
Dirt Palace & The Wedding Cake House Providence, RI	Groundworks Art Lab Boulder, CO	James and Janie Washington Foundation Seattle, WA
DiverseWorks Houston, TX	GYOPO Los Angeles, CA	

The Jazz Gallery New York, NY	Living Arts of Tulsa Tulsa, OK	Noah Purifoy Outdoor Desert Art Museum of Assemblage Sculpture Joshua Tree, CA
Josephine Sculpture Park Frankfort, KY	LTSC Community Development Corporation, to support Tuesday Night Project Los Angeles, CA	Northwest Film Forum, to support Wa Na Wari Seattle, WA
Junior High Los Angeles, CA	The Luminary St. Louis, MO	NXTHVN New Haven, CT
Juxtaposition Arts Minneapolis, MN	Lynden Sculpture Garden Milwaukee, WI	On the Boards Seattle, WA
Kamoinge Metuchen, NJ	Ma's House Southampton, NY	Ox-Bow School of Art & Artists' Residency Saugatuck, MI
Kelly Strayhorn Theater Pittsburgh, PA	Mahogany Black Arts and Cultural Center Racine, WI	Pangea World Theater Minneapolis, MN
Kinetic Light Brooklyn, NY	Marble House Dorset, VT	Participant Inc New York, NY
The Kitchen New York, NY	Maude Kerns Art Center Eugene, OR	Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden Bishopville, SC
The Lab San Francisco, CA	Midway Contemporary Art Minneapolis, MN	Penumbra Foundation New York, NY
LACE Los Angeles, CA	Movement Research New York, NY	Performance Space New York New York, NY
The Last Resort Artist Retreat Baltimore, MD	Native American Community Development Institute Minneapolis, MN	Pike School of Art – Mississippi McComb, MS
LATITUDE Chicago Chicago, IL	Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Portland, OR	Plataforma Eje El Caribe
The Laundromat Project Brooklyn, NY	Nurturing Independence through Artistic Development Richmond, CA	Poeh Cultural Center Santa Fe, NM
Leather Archives & Museum Chicago, IL		Print Center New York New York, NY
Lelooska Foundation & Cultural Center Ariel, WA		

Producer Hub, to support First Nations Performing Arts New York, NY	Shunpike, to support Seattle Asian American Film Festival Seattle, WA	Taller Puertorriqueño Philadelphia, PA
Project EATS New York, NY	Side Street Projects Altadena, CA	Teatro Experimental Yerbabuena Bay Shore, NY
Project for Empty Space Newark, NJ	Sixty Inches from Center, to support For the Birds Trapped in Airports Los Angeles, CA	Thiossane Institute Columbus, OH
Project Onward Chicago, IL	Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture Madison, ME	TILT Institute Philadelphia, PA
Project Row Houses Houston, TX	Smack Mellon Brooklyn, NY	Toshiko Takaezu Foundation Jersey City, NJ
Pu‘uhonua Society, to support Ho‘omau Nā Maka o ka ‘Āina, Kā‘ū, HI	Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, to support LAVA Coalition Los Angeles, CA	Tropic Editions Honolulu, HI
Queer Cultural Center San Francisco, CA	Social Good Fund, to support People’s Kitchen Collective Oakland, CA	Twelve Gates Arts Philadelphia, PA
Queer Cultural Center, to support Art Handlxrs* San Francisco, CA	SOMArts, to support Macro Waves Oakland, CA	Ucross Foundation Clearmont, WY
RAIR Philadelphia, PA	SOMArts, to support Related Tactics National	Ulises Philadelphia, PA
Recess Brooklyn, NY	South Side Community Art Center Chicago, IL	The Union For Contemporary Art Omaha, NE
Rivers Institute New Orleans, LA	Storefront for Art and Architecture New York, NY	Urban Bush Women Brooklyn, NY
Sala Diaz San Antonio, TX	Surf Point York, ME	Visual AIDS New York, NY
Self Help Graphics & Art Los Angeles, CA		Walker’s Point Center for the Arts Milwaukee, WI
Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, to support Secwépemc Language Society Eureka, CA		Wave Hill Bronx, NY
		White Columns New York, NY

Women Photograph
New Orleans, LA

Woodland Pattern
Milwaukee, WI

Yaddo
Saratoga Springs, NY

Women's Studio Workshop
Rosendale, NY

The World Stage Performance
Gallery
Los Angeles, CA

YAYA
New Orleans, LA

ABOUT THE RUTH FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

With an inventive approach to philanthropy and artistic support rooted in creativity, care, and experimentation, The Ruth Foundation for the Arts (Ruth Arts) launched in 2022 to support organizations in the visual and performing arts. Leading with its flagship Artist Choice program that is guided by an artist-driven nomination process, the foundation continues to honor the legacy of its founder Ruth DeYoung Kohler II (1941–2020) with ten distinct grant programs. Thanks to Ruth's vision and generosity, Ruth Arts has been able to award over \$55 million in grants to date. In 2024, Ruth Arts opened an art space in Milwaukee as an extension of its grantmaking. This year, Ruth Arts collaborates with Rivers Institute for Contemporary Art & Thought—an inaugural 2022 Artist Choice awardee—to present an extensive viewing of works by Bettina Grossman (1927–2021) while actively engaging with and revealing more of the artist's archive. *Original Order Order Original: The Art and Archives of Bettina* runs through April 3, 2026.

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