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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

Contemporary Arts Memphis  
Memphis, TN

Corita Art Center  
Los Angeles, CA

Cousin Collective, to support  
New Red Order  
National

Creative Growth Art Center  
Oakland, CA

Crow's Shadow Institute of the  
Arts  
Pendleton, OR

Culture Push  
New York, NY

Dance Place  
Washington, DC

Danspace Project  
New York, NY

Deaf Spotlight  
Seattle, WA

Denniston Hill  
Glen Wild, NY

Diasporic Vietnamese Artists  
Network  
San Francisco, CA

Dirt Palace & The Wedding  
Cake House  
Providence, RI

DiverseWorks  
Houston, TX

Ecosystems of Care, to support  
Cooperation Racine  
Chicago, IL

Elsewhere  
Greensboro, NC

Experimental Sound Studio  
Chicago, IL

FD13 Residency for the Arts  
Minneapolis, MN

Fictional Artists Contemporary  
Theatre San Francisco, to  
support RUPTURE  
National

The Field, to support POT  
Los Angeles, CA

First Light Alaska  
Anchorage, AK

First Peoples Fund  
Rapid City, SD

Fractured Atlas, to support  
Trades A.i.R.  
Honolulu, HI

Materials for the Arts  
Long Island City, NY

Fusebox  
Austin, TX

The Griot Museum of Black  
History  
St. Louis, MO

Groundworks Art Lab  
Boulder, CO

GYOPO  
Los Angeles, CA

Harlem Stage  
New York, NY

Hawai'i International Film  
Festival  
Honolulu, HI

Headlands Center for the Arts  
Sausalito, CA

Henry Street Settlement, in  
support of Abrons Arts Center  
New York, NY

High Concept Laboratories  
Chicago, IL

Human Resources LA  
Los Angeles, CA

Hyde Park Art Center  
Chicago, IL

IAIA Museum of  
Contemporary Native Arts  
Santa Fe, NM

Independent Arts & Media, to  
support its Anti-Eviction  
Mapping Project fund  
New York, NY

Indigenous Peoples Task Force,  
to support Ikidowin Theater  
Ensemble  
Minneapolis, MN

Institute 193  
Lexington, KY

ISSUE Project Room  
Brooklyn, NY

James and Janie Washington  
Foundation  
Seattle, WA

The Jazz Gallery  
New York, NY

Josephine Sculpture Park  
Frankfort, KY

Junior High  
Los Angeles, CA

Juxtaposition Arts  
Minneapolis, MN

Kamoinge  
Metuchen, NJ

Kelly Strayhorn Theater  
Pittsburgh, PA

Kinetic Light  
Brooklyn, NY

The Kitchen  
New York, NY

The Lab  
San Francisco, CA

LACE  
Los Angeles, CA

The Last Resort Artist Retreat  
Baltimore, MD

LATITUDE Chicago  
Chicago, IL

The Laundromat Project  
Brooklyn, NY

Leather Archives & Museum  
Chicago, IL

Lelooska Foundation &  
Cultural Center  
Ariel, WA

Living Arts of Tulsa  
Tulsa, OK

LTSC Community  
Development Corporation, to  
support Tuesday Night Project  
Los Angeles, CA

The Luminary  
St. Louis, MO

Lynden Sculpture Garden  
Milwaukee, WI

Ma's House  
Southampton, NY

Mahogany Black Arts and  
Cultural Center  
Racine, WI

Marble House  
Dorset, VT

Maude Kerns Art Center  
Eugene, OR

Midway Contemporary Art  
Minneapolis, MN

Movement Research  
New York, NY

Native American Community  
Development Institute  
Minneapolis, MN

Native Arts and Cultures  
Foundation  
Portland, OR

Nurturing Independence  
through Artistic Development  
Richmond, CA

Noah Purifoy Outdoor Desert  
Art Museum of Assemblage  
Sculpture  
Joshua Tree, CA

Northwest Film Forum, to  
support Wa Na Wari  
Seattle, WA

NXTHVN  
New Haven, CT

On the Boards  
Seattle, WA

Ox-Bow School of Art & Artists'  
Residency  
Saugatuck, MI

Pangea World Theater  
Minneapolis, MN

Participant Inc  
New York, NY

Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden  
Bishopville, SC

Penumbra Foundation  
New York, NY

Performance Space New York  
New York, NY

Pike School of Art – Mississippi  
McComb, MS

Plataforma Eje  
El Caribe

Poeh Cultural Center  
Santa Fe, NM

Print Center New York  
New York, NY

Producer Hub, to support First Nations Performing Arts  
New York, NY

Project EATS  
New York, NY

Project for Empty Space  
Newark, NJ

Project Onward  
Chicago, IL

Project Row Houses  
Houston, TX

Pu'uhonua Society, to support Ho'omau Nā Maka o ka 'Āina, Kā'ū, HI

Queer Cultural Center  
San Francisco, CA

Queer Cultural Center, to support Art Handlrs\*  
San Francisco, CA

RAIR  
Philadelphia, PA

Recess  
Brooklyn, NY

Rivers Institute  
New Orleans, LA

Sala Diaz  
San Antonio, TX

Self Help Graphics & Art  
Los Angeles, CA

Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, to support Secwépemc Language Society  
Eureka, CA

Shunpike, to support Seattle Asian American Film Festival  
Seattle, WA

Side Street Projects  
Altadena, CA

Sixty Inches from Center, to support For the Birds Trapped in Airports  
Los Angeles, CA

Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture  
Madison, ME

Smack Mellon  
Brooklyn, NY

Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, to support LAVA Coalition  
Los Angeles, CA

Social Good Fund, to support People's Kitchen Collective  
Oakland, CA

SOMArts, to support Macro Waves  
Oakland, CA

SOMArts, to support Related Tactics  
National

South Side Community Art Center  
Chicago, IL

Storefront for Art and Architecture  
New York, NY

Surf Point  
York, ME

Taller Puertorriqueño  
Philadelphia, PA

Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja  
Bay Shore, NY

Thiossane Institute  
Columbus, OH

TILT Institute  
Philadelphia, PA

Toshiko Takaazu Foundation  
Jersey City, NJ

Tropic Editions  
Honolulu, HI

Twelve Gates Arts  
Philadelphia, PA

Ucross Foundation  
Clearmont, WY

Ulises  
Philadelphia, PA

The Union For Contemporary Art  
Omaha, NE

Urban Bush Women  
Brooklyn, NY

Visual AIDS  
New York, NY

Walker's Point Center for the Arts  
Milwaukee, WI

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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