



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

# CREATIVE HEIGHTS GRANTS

*ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2017*

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We are looking for projects that provide artists and other cultural creatives an opportunity to stretch their creative practice, provide unique opportunities for Oregonians to experience innovative arts and culture, and increase Oregon's cultural visibility and vitality. Up to \$1 million is available for up to 20 projects with grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 per project.

### WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM WILL BE CONSIDERED?

Creative Heights grants are for the creation and/or presentation of new and innovative performances, exhibitions, programs, and other works of art and culture. Project funding may be spent over a period of two years if needed and can support any artistic or cultural discipline, including visual, dance, folk & traditional arts, film/video/media, literary arts, museum exhibitions, humanities, music, theatre & performance arts, history & heritage, and multidisciplinary or emerging fields. Projects should provide opportunities for the artists, collaborators, curators, and organizations involved to learn something new.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Letters of Inquiry must be submitted by or in partnership with an Oregon-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Grant funding may be used for commissioning fees; pay for artists, curators, and scholars; costs associated with research, rehearsals, workshops; promotion; design and production; dissemination and documentation; and other direct costs related to creation, presentation, implementation, or exhibition. For additional questions on whether your project is eligible, please contact OCF staff.

*Ineligible projects* are those that: engage artists solely on a volunteer basis; are solely educational in nature; do not engage Oregon artists, collaborators, and audiences; or include finished work not available to the public (i.e. art for a private collection or non-public space).

### WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Applicants should submit a brief letter of inquiry (LOI) online describing the proposed project, lead artists/curators/collaborators involved, an estimated budget, and the potential impact and significance to the artists/curators/collaborators and the field. Applicants may also include an optional short work sample from a completed project. Specific requirements and a link to the online application can be found at [www.oregoncf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/ocf-funds/creative-heights](http://www.oregoncf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/ocf-funds/creative-heights).

- **Online application opens: January 1, 2017**
- **Due date for Letters of Inquiry: February 15, 2017 11:59pm (online).** After a review by the OCF Arts Committee, strong proposals will be invited to submit full applications.
- **Due date for full applications (invitation only): May 15, 2017**
- **Final funding decision in early August, 2017**

### FOR PROPOSAL GUIDELINES AND REVIEW CRITERIA

Please visit the OCF website: <http://www.oregoncf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/ocf-funds/creative-heights>