How can I get support for my art?

Have you heard of Artist Trust?
“What is Artist Trust?”

“THIS ARTS ORG - YOU SHOULD LOOK IT UP”

Artist Trust is an arts organization that operates to support art at its source: the individual artist. Since its inception in 1986, Artist Trust has stayed true to its core mission to support and encourage artists of all disciplines to enrich life throughout WA State.

Artist Trust acts as a connector, supporter, and funder for artists through a new and refreshed lens of values:

OPEN  TRANSPARENT  RESPONSIVE  FORWARD-THINKING

READ MORE ABOUT THE VALUES
"COOL, I’LL LOOK INTO IT LATER."
"Ok, see ya."

Welcome to the Artist Trust website. Click here to read our STRATEGIC PLAN

This strategic plan was created in cooperation with input from over 1400 individuals. Artist Trust has created three strategic goals:
GOAL 1

TO PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT TO ARTISTS

Granting artists funding through a peer-review selection process

Connecting artists with resources

GOAL 2

TO CREATE DEEPER AND BROADER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ARTISTS AND COMMUNITIES

Enhance Artist Trust’s geographic diversity and presence throughout Washington state

Provide tools to help artists build audiences, cultivate patrons, and connect with the broader community

GOAL 3

TO MAKE VISIBLE CURRENT ISSUES IMPACTING THE LIVELIHOOD OF WORKING ARTISTS

Identify issues impacting artists’ livelihoods, and the networks, policies, connections, and resources to create a better environment for artists to thrive

READ MORE ABOUT THE INITIATIVES
Racial Equity

Artist Trust recognizes and is committed to addressing historical and ongoing disparities in access to institutional funding, recognition, business practices, and job opportunities.

In an effort to create equitable outcomes for all, Artist Trust especially invites artists of African diasporic, Latinx, Asian, Arab, and Native American identities to apply for our grants, participate in programs, and engage us as partners in building competitive applications, navigating their careers, and making lives as professional artists.
TO ADDRESS THIS, WE ARE:

collaborating and sharing resources with peer organizations
dismantling institutional racism
cultivating diversity in our staff, board, and donor base in order to balance decision-making power among stakeholders of all backgrounds

SO FAR, ARTIST TRUST HAS:

held focus-group discussions with artists of color to gather recommendations on how to make funding more accessible

removed Artist Trust memberships as a barrier to accessing feedback on grant applications

established scholarship support for artists of color to increase financial accessibility to business practice trainings

Right now, Artist Trust is conducting an organization-wide cultural bias assessment to identify how our practices might disadvantage people of color, on every level as vendors, contractors, or staff members
**Artist Trust** is looking at organization-wide practices through a racial equity lens as a way of addressing socio-cultural and economic barriers for artists at all intersections of identities.

We invite artists and community members of all backgrounds and identities to join us in conversation around issues of equity. Members of Artist Trust’s staff and Board are always open to feedback, thoughtful dialogue, and ideas that will move this work forward, within our organization and the community at large.
I haven’t seen you in a long time -- how have you been?

Great! I just got a grant from Artist Trust to fund the play I have in mind. It’s a small beginner’s grant, but it feels encouraging.
THANK YOU!

ARTIST TRUST STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Led by Chris Abrass, the Strategic Planning Committee, reported to the Artist Trust Board and led the formation of our future vision. Special thanks to the Board Members, staff and volunteers who served on the Strategic Planning Committee:

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CREATIVE GROUND  Frances McCue and Lisa Fitzhugh from Creative Ground consulted with Artist Trust to bring a thoughtful, art-infused, artist-focused approach to the Strategic Planning process.

READ THE FULL LIST OF THANK YOUS
Artist Trust Strategic Plan Booklet, 2016
Designed and illustrated by Minh Nguyen

This booklet features the highlights of the Artist Trust Strategic Plan.

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