Funding Pivotal Initiatives in the Arts

The Carl & Marilynn Thoma Art Foundation recognizes the power of the arts to challenge and shift perceptions, spark creativity, and connect people across cultures. The Foundation lends and exhibits artworks and supports pivotal initiatives with grants to nonprofit organizations and individuals whose innovative projects and original ideas advance scholarship in the arts.

Grants for Non-Profit Organizations

Accepting letters of inquiry for general grants on a quarterly basis. The next LOI deadline is March 11, 2021.

Seeking bold proposals related to our collections in Art of the Spanish Americas, Digital and Electronic Art, Post-War Painting and Sculpture, and Japanese Bamboo, and projects exploring the arts and culture of the American Southwest.

Providing academic, exhibition, convening, conservation, and publication support.

Funding projects across the United States and around the world. Our target states include Arizona, Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Internationally, we are excited to support projects in Latin America that engage with our Art of the Spanish Americas collection.

Planning a major exhibition opening in 2022 or beyond? We want to hear about it now! To fully support your efforts we request at least 12 months’ notice for exhibition and time-sensitive event proposals.

Grants for Individuals

The Foundation offers two annual fellowship and award programs for individuals. Applications for the 2022-23 cycle will open in August 2021 and close in December 2021.

The Marilyn Thoma Fellowship in Art of the Spanish Americas

We value long-term relationships with grantees and encourage you to connect with us at any stage of the application process. Click on the links below or visit our website to learn more about our grant programs and application process, or to get in touch with a member of the grants team.

Learn More

The Grants Program

Contact the Grants Team

Apply on our Grants Portal

Current and Previous Grantees

2021 brings new funding opportunities from the Carl & Marilynn Thoma Art Foundation.

Building on our success supporting exhibitions and programming at medium-size museums, we’ve expanded our support to foster equity and fuel scholarship with two new grants.

Digital Changemaker Grant

Supporting long-term digital strategies

Funding small and medium-size organizations to advance their long-term digital strategies through an innovative project or initiative. Grants available in AZ, IL, NM, OK, and TX. Submit LOIs by March 11, 2021.

Thoma Equity Grants

At the intersection of arts, education, and community

Supporting established and emerging organizations creating opportunity and advancing equity for young people in non-metro areas. Project-based funding support, may be renewable.