

2023-24

Pathways: A Native Space Initiative



Program Application Guide



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Overview

Now in its second year, Pathways is a pilot program designed to support Native American arts and cultural organizations in accessing and developing creative spaces in their communities. This 12-month, virtual cohort program utilizes Artspace's decades of expertise as a creative real estate developer to assist Native organizations in exploring strategies that leverage existing assets or sustain a plan for a new space.

Cohort Expectations

- Participants have access to the internet.
 - At least one of three staff members will have the capacity to participate fully in virtual monthly meetings for one year (2-3 hours a month).
 - Complete assignments and come prepared for one-on-one sessions (2-3 hours a month).
 - Participate in the program evaluation process through interviews and surveys (1 hour a month).
 - More details will be provided in the Participation Agreement.
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Info Sessions

Want to learn more about the program? Join us for an informal informational meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 23, 2023, or Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Register at www.artspace.org/pathways

Eligibility

To be eligible for Pathways, Native American arts or cultural organizations must meet the following three criteria:

- The organization is based within one of the following locations: Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Southern California, South Dakota, Washington, or Wisconsin.
 - The organization has programming and a dedicated budget to support Native arts and culture.
 - The organization has been providing arts and cultural programming for at least three years.
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Questions?

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Application Guidelines

Applications open Monday, October 2, 2023, at 9:00 AM CT and close Friday, November 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM CT. All interested organizations must complete the online application available at www.artspace.org/pathways, where additional information about the application process and the program will also be available. Applications must be submitted through this online system; emailed applications will not be accepted. Select applicants who meet all requirements will be notified shortly after the application deadline that they have advanced to the interview round. Successful applicants will be made aware of their acceptance to the cohort by Friday, December 15, 2023.

Please note that our review process does not prioritize proper phrasing, language, or exact details. The priority is to provide organizations with the support they need. Please tell us about your work and your space-related issues. Character limits are to keep proposals simple and concise.

In addition to the narrative questions, the following documentation (attached as PDFs) will be requested in the application:

- Your organization's current year approved organizational budget.
- Your organization's two most recent year's end reports.
- A list of your organization's staff and their titles/roles.
- A list of board members and their affiliations, if applicable.

Assistance Days

On November 7, 8, and 9, 2023, we will host optional assistance days to help applicants through the application process. Interested applicants may register for a 30-minute appointment to review any substantive or technical application issues. Participation in these optional sessions is not required to apply to the program. Appointments will be held between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM CT. Register for a session at www.artspace.org/pathways.

Review Process

The Selection Committee will review and score applications. If your organization is selected to move to the second round, you will be invited to a 30-minute interview with members of the Selection Committee. Interviews will begin the week of November 27, 2023.

Important Application Dates

October 2, 2023	Application Opens
October 23, 2023	Info Session
November 1, 2023	Info Session
November 6–10, 2023	Assistance Days
November 10, 2023	Application Deadline
November 27, 2023	Interviews Begin
December 15, 2023	Acceptance Announced
January, 2024	Program Begins



Special Acknowledgment

The influence that First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds have had on Artspace has been instrumental in its work with diverse Native American organizations and Native communities looking for assistance with their space goals. Artspace recognizes First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds as thought leaders in creating social and economic change by putting artists and culture bearers at the center of community development. It is with deep gratitude to First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds that Artspace has been welcomed into this inspiring work in honoring the Collective Spirit© of the First Peoples of this nation.

Artspace

Artspace's mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable and sustainable spaces for artists and arts organizations. We work with organizations and municipalities to plan the spaces they need to deliver programs and services to their communities. Artspace combines the tools of real estate with an understanding of the creative sector to provide technical assistance, feasibility and market research, and coaching services to assist arts and cultural organizations with their unique space initiatives. Whether it is a mixed-use development or a long-term lease, we help our clients create sustainable, affordable, and equitable spaces.

