Hello and welcome to the Jerome Foundation’s Organizational Grants webinar. Thanks for joining us today.
I’m Eleanor Savage, Program Director here with Program Officer Lann Briel and Grants Admin Andrea Brown. The rest of our small but mighty staff includes our President Ben Cameron and our finance team, Lori Lawonn and Kathy Zou.
We’ve got about an hour or so together today. Our agenda is to:
• Share a bit about our founder, Jerome Hill, and the Jerome Foundation
• Walk through eligibility, program details,
• the application and selection process, panelist criteria, and key dates.
• We’ll end with a Q&A.

• Your audio is muted. To participate, you’ll
  • click on the Q&A box and type in your question.
  • If you’d like to ask anonymously, you can click “send anonymously.”
The Jerome Foundation has been in operation for 54 years. It was founded by Jerome Hill—academy award winning filmmaker, composer, painter and philanthropist. We award grants to early career artists and arts organizations, in Minnesota, Jerome Hill’s home state, and New York City, where he spent much of his creative life.
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  - Literature
  - Media (incl. film, video and digital production and new media)
  - Music
  - Theater
  - Visual Arts
  - plus multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary/cross-disciplinary

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- We support both artistic or career development and/or technical assistance AND production programs, culminating in a full production/exhibition/publication or a combination of development and production.

We’ll talk more about what we mean by early career artists in a bit.
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Now I’ll turn it over to Lann and Eleanor, who are going to walk through the eligibility requirements.
We think of eligibility in three parts, which I’ll go through in detail.

• The first is, is your organization eligible?
• Next, are the programs for which you are requesting support eligible?
• And finally, are the artists participating in those programs eligible?
In order to be considered eligible organizations must meet the following requirements...

• Be 501(c)3 organizations or apply through a fiscal sponsor with a 501(c)3;
• Be located in MN or one of the five boroughs of NYC;
• Offer ongoing programs for vocational, generative artists, collectives or ensembles in the early stages of their creative and career development;
• Offer additional programs for Jerome-eligible artists, collectives or ensembles beyond the programs for which Jerome support is requested;
• Organizations with less than three years of operating experience will be considered only if they are able to demonstrate that the program for which support is requested expands the nature (not only the number) of existing opportunities for Jerome-eligible artists in your community.
Programs eligible for Jerome funding must support the development, creation, and production/exhibition/publication of new works or promote the ongoing professional or career development of Jerome-eligible artists, collectives or ensembles.

The types of programs the Foundation does support are clearly for early career artists, ensembles or collectives and include:

- Exhibitions, screenings or publications of new works
- Commissions, workshops, development activities
- Production and premieres of developed by the applicant
- Regrant programs supporting fellowships, commissions or the creation of new works
- Mentorship programs
- Professional development and tech assistance programs
- Residency programs that offer honoraria or compensation

These supported programs must compensate staff and artists above and beyond any reimbursement costs for participation and at a reasonable wage. AND be publicly transparent about their process for selecting participants, by either using an open
application process for participation in Jerome-funded programs or by use of curators, nominators or staff with ongoing and broad engagement with Jerome-eligible artists.
The Foundation does not support programs:

- Supporting students in degree-granting programs
- Charging an application fee or membership for artists
- Benefitting only one artist/collective/ensemble
- Only offering presentation, exhibition, performance or screening opportunities of works that the applicant has not supported in development
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Program Eligibility, cont.

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Additionally, the Foundation does not support:

• Buildings, endowments, capital campaigns or cash reserves requests
• Arts education programs
• Degree-granting and conservatory programs
• Festivals of work that the applicant has not developed
• Documentation of work as the primary grant purpose
• Marketing and audience development as the primary grant purpose
You’ll want to read the guidelines for complete information on what makes an artist eligible to participate in a program. Some highlights include:

- Early career artists
- Residents of Minnesota or New York City
- Generative, vocational artists
- Not a student
- Additionally, these artists expand the aesthetic or social experience in the discipline in which they work and/or reclaim and revive traditional forms in original ways
Organizations who haven’t applied for Jerome funding, who were not funded in this grant program in 2018, and who were awarded “exit grants” in 2018 in this grant program, may request a maximum of $30,000 per year for a single program, or a maximum of $60,000 per year for multiple programs. Please contact us if you are not sure if your 2018 grant was an exit grant.

All other organizations funded in this grant program may request a maximum of a 15% increase from your March 2018 grant award OR up to $30,000 per year for single program support or $60,000 per year for multiple programs, whichever is greater.

No organization may request in excess of 25% of a three-year average of its actual annual operating income.

For budgeting purposes, at least 75% of Jerome grant funds must support direct costs for the specific program(s). Up to 25% of the grant funds may be applied to support indirect administrative costs for Jerome-funded programs and/or for ongoing organizational costs connected to services and activities for early career artists.

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During the selection process applications are reviewed by a panel of experts – where each discipline is evaluated by a separate panel. Panelists are selected based on knowledge of genres and forms represented in the applicant pool, and represent a diversity of experience and identity.

In their consideration, panelists consider four criteria:

1. The merit of the programs, as indicated by the program plan, information on the artists served and work sample(s), and relationship and responsiveness to artists within its field.
2. The organizational capacity and feasibility of the program(s), as indicated by specificity of program detail, demonstration of ongoing support for vocational early career artists, the budget, and the organization’s overall financial health.
3. The potential impact of the programs for artists and the field, as indicated by the program history and the support offered directly to participants.
4. Demonstrated achievement in and alignment with Jerome’s core values as indicated by:
   • diversity of organization leadership, board, staff, program participants and/or audiences;
   • embrace of innovation/risk through unconventional approaches to
solving problems, supporting artists and cultural producers whose work explores new territories, challenges traditions, and offers unique and thought-provoking perspectives;
• and humility through service to larger the artistic and/or social community of artists and citizens, and conscious work toward a sense of community purpose, whether aesthetic, social or both.

Panels are charged to think not only of the ability of every grantee to meet each criterion strongly, but of recommending a cohort of grantees that collectively capture the diversity - including aesthetic, cultural, racial, gender, geographic, relative scale and genre, among other factors - of the larger arts field. Panel recommendations are reviewed by the Jerome Foundation Board of Directors, which has the sole authority to approve the panel recommendations and award grants.
Prior to applying, applicants must schedule a phone call with Program Staff. To schedule an appointment, go to calendly.com/jeromefdn—we also have the link in the guidelines and on the Arts Org grants page on our website.

If you’ve received the go from program staff to submit a letter of intent, you will do so in our online application system, Submittable. This is due February 5 at 4 pm Central/5 pm Eastern.

- Remember that you have to have your phone call before you submit your letter of intent.

Your letter of intent will address:

- Your commitment to early career artists, how the program for which you are requesting support addresses their needs and how you measure success, past program participants, and key staff and their strengths working with early career artists. We will also ask for some information about your organization: mission, staff size, and a financial summary.
Let’s take a quick look at what the application looks like online. ((Note: the above “slide” is a short video showing the Jerome Foundation website and the Submittable application.))

You can start at the Jerome homepage, and click to Grant Opportunities, then Arts Org Grants. Here you’ll see you can download the guidelines in PDF or read them on the screen. Let’s go to How to Apply and get the link to Submittable.

I’m already logged in, but you can login or create a new account. Here’s the link to the LOI application.

I’ll fill in my address information, and then proceed.

To begin, we ask for your organization name, and whether you’ll be applying with a single or multiple programs.

Next, you’ll paste in your letter of intent narrative, addressing the bullets on the right. We recommend 3 pages for a single program, and 5 pages for multiple programs.
Then we'll ask for some basic information about each program for which you are requesting funding, including: amount requested, preliminary program budget total, artistic disciplines supported, # of artists to be supported, the names of past program participants, and key program contacts—which you can fill in using the table.

We'll also ask for information about your organization, including mission, website, whether you're applying with a fiscal sponsor, staff size, and a financial summary.

Finally, we ask for panelist recommendations—for service in either this program or our Jerome Hill Artist Fellowship program.

Before you submit, we ask you to affirm the accurateness of your information and accept the terms of use.

One really important thing to know about is Save Draft. You can click this, exit out of Submittable, and the next time you login you'll be able to pick up where you left off.

Once you have everything completed and finalized, you'll want to click the big blue "Submit" button. You'll receive an email confirming we have received your application.
Before we get to your questions, I wanted to let you know how you can reach us if you have any questions later on.

You can contact me with program-specific questions ((can we give examples here?)). Or Lann if you have general questions regarding the guidelines.

Contact Andrea if you have any technical questions or issues with Submittable.

We’ll also be posting a recording of this webinar to our website if you want to revisit anything.
Okay, we’ve seen some questions coming in, and we’ll start with the Q&A. Remember to click on the Q&A box, and to send your question in anonymously if you so wish.

If we do not have time to address your question, please email us and we will respond to you individually.
Thank you EVERYONE!