CURA's Artist Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (ANPI) provides small grants to artists working in communities of color and/or low-income communities in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the surrounding suburbs. ANPI grants recognize the valuable role that the arts and artists play in community revitalization efforts and are intended to support the involvement of artists as key actors and leaders of community building and development. This grant program is particularly focused on directly funding individual artists or groups of artists working to build more equitable communities in the Twin Cities.

We are now accepting proposals for one-year support of artist driven projects. The goal of the program is to identify and support compelling projects that artists have developed in response to their community’s specific challenges and opportunities.

- Projects must demonstrate a clear commitment to a community, as shown by the relationship of that community to the project’s development process and to the project’s focus.
- The request for proposals is open to both 501(c)(3) organizations and individual artists.
- Proposals will be accepted between January 1 and January 30 2016.
- CURA staff, with support from outside artists, will make final decisions in February 2016.
- In 2016 we have a total of $50,000 in grant dollars, with maximum grant awards of $25,000/project.

Selection Criteria
We select grantees for the ANPI Program based on the following criteria:

1. Project is located in communities of color and/or low-income communities in Minneapolis, St. Paul or the surrounding suburbs.
2. Projects are artist led, with connection and accountability to a clearly defined constituency.
3. Art, art making and artists are at the center of the project.
4. Majority of funding must go directly to the artist(s).
5. These funds are designated for one-time project support.
6. Project is collaborative, between one or more partners.
7. Proposal has identified clear outcomes or results and a specific work plan to achieve and evaluate them.
8. Project connects with broader community development issues and goals.
Artist Neighborhood Partnership Initiative
Small Grant Program Request for Proposals
Submit your proposal: z.umn.edu/anpiapp

Deadlines
1. Applications are accepted between January 1, 2016 and January 30, 2016.
2. Final decisions will be made by February 29, 2016.

Questions
For any questions please contact CURA staff.
• Neeraj Mehta at nmehta@umn.edu, or 612-624-8988

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Preview of Questions and Components of the Application
The ANPI application is to be submitted online at z.umn.edu/anpiapp. Below are the components of the application to help you prepare in advance of submission. Please note that you can return to your application if you use the same browser on the same computer, but we recommend that you write your responses in a word processing program (Word, Google Docs, etc.) and then copy and paste your answers into the form below. The form will not allow you to submit an answer that has more words than allowed, so please use the word count feature of your word processor.

Today’s Date
Artist Name:
Phone:
Email:
List any key individual or organizational partners involved in your project:
Funding Amount Request:
Are you using a fiscal agent?
Fiscal agent contact information:
Purpose of Grant: Please describe the project in one or two brief sentences (maximum 50 words).

Detailed Project Description: Describe the proposed project, its genesis, its stages and all partners (maximum 500 words).

Artistic Practice: Describe the lead artist or organization’s artistic history and experience working in partnership with communities, and include specifics about the aesthetic aspects of this project (maximum 300 words).

Community: Please identify the geographic area your project is situated within, the community that benefits from the project and your accountability to them. Also, how will members of the community participate in or gain access to your project? (maximum 500 words).

Context: Please summarize the historic or current challenge, opportunity, or issue (political, social, economic, cultural, etc.) that the project is addressing. If relevant, add details or statistics that explain why this project is needed now: this could include historic and/or current conditions of the community (maximum 400 words).

Impact (External): Describe your intended artistic and community goals, however modest or ambitious, based on your own criteria. How will you know if your goals have been achieved? (maximum 400 words).

Impact (Internal): What impact would this grant have on you (or your organization)? (maximum 300 words).

Community Partners Letters

Please submit up to three letter(s) of support from community partners, either individuals or representatives of organizations you plan to work with on this project or that you have worked with in the past. These letters should use specific examples to speak to your value to the partners and communities, and to your style of work (maximum length of 500 words each).

Work Samples

Please submit two representative work samples, along with a short explanation (maximum 100 words each) of how each relates to the proposed project.

Budget: Please upload a project budget included in this document. Please note that funding requests may not exceed one year.