

O'BRIEN ART FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to foster the preservation, understanding, and appreciation of 20th century American art beyond the accepted canon. We believe American art is an important living document of the many histories and cultural perspectives that have defined the United States, the communities, and the individuals who live here. Through our work to acquire, research, conserve, exhibit, and loan works of art—in addition to supporting scholarship, education, and publishing—we aim to expand the story of American art's artistic legacy with a focus on overlooked moments and often neglected figures. We can, in turn, better acknowledge the breadth of artistic inventiveness in the United States and gain new insights into the past in order to imagine a better future. In collaboration with other collections, institutions, and individual lenders, we endeavor to share unexpected narratives and a broader knowledge of America's 20th century visual culture.

The O'Brien Art Project Foundation (DBA O'Brien Art Foundation) is a charitable organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

EVALUATION

When evaluating a grant proposal, the Committee intends to consider the following principles (“Principles”): Whether

- a) The Foundation is involved in the subject of the proposal apart from the request for financial support (e.g. is the Foundation loaning work to an associated exhibition or providing images for a publication, etc.)
- b) The artist or artists who are the subject of the proposal are already well known or whether the proposal would bring to light an underappreciated creator*
- c) The proposal will result in the preservation or enhancement of the legacy of the artist or artists who are the subject of the proposal via the creation of lasting educational material (e.g. a physical book, catalog, brochure, etc.)
- d) The proposal focuses on American art created during the timeframe of the Foundation’s focus (i.e. circa 1890 through 1985)
- e) The proposal concerns media that is a focus area of the Foundation (e.g. painting, works on paper (including prints), sculpture and drawing)
- f) Financial support will be meaningful in comparison to funding from third parties, such that the Foundation’s resources will have a materially positive impact on the proposed project
- g) The proposed grant recipient has or will raise third-party funding for the proposed project
- h) The proposed grant recipient will enhance the Foundation’s visibility and reach

The Principles will serve as non-binding guidelines for the Committee’s use. The Committee always maintains the sole and absolute discretion whether or not to apply the Principles, as well as the interpretation of and any amendments to the Principles.

*Generally, the Foundation does not award grants to projects primarily related to folk art, naïve or untrained art because, while having great merit, those areas fall outside the Foundation’s focus and Mission.

GRANT APPLICATION

We welcome applications for grants from charitable organizations which wish to pursue projects that further the mission of the O'Brian Art Project Foundation. If you have any questions about this application, please contact info@obrienartfoundation.org.

SECTION ONE: OVERVIEW

Please provide an overview of your proposal, including:

- Brief description of the proposal
- Purpose and key anticipated outcomes
- Individuals or communities served
- Amount of funding requested
- Overview of how funds will be spent
- Key contingencies for success of your proposal (including funding, staffing contingencies)
- How outcomes will be measured
- Timeline

SECTION TWO: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Please provide your organization mission statement.

Tell us about the history of your organization.

Tell us about your current programs and activities.

☐ Please check to confirm you are a public charity under IRS 501(c)(3)

☐ Please check to confirm that a copy of your IRS determination letter will be attached.

Please provide your IRS EIN number:

Please list your Board of Directors and include short bios.

A link to your website containing this information is acceptable.

Please list key staff involved with this project.

A link to your website containing this information is acceptable.

Please upload/attach the following financial documents

(A link to your website containing this information is acceptable):

☐ Most recent two 990s

☐ Most recent two audited financial statements

SECTION THREE: PROPOSAL DETAILS

Please provide your proposed budget.

Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

SECTION FOUR: CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Email Address

Website

Phone Number

Address

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Name

Title

Organization

Signature