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**Minnesota Street Project Foundation Announces  
\$150,000 in New Grant Programs:**

**California Black Voices Project + Grants for Arts Equity**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA, June 29, 2020 | Updated: July 22, 2020 – Minnesota Street Project Foundation** announces the launch of two grant-making programs, **California Black Voices Project** and **Grants for Arts Equity**, both of which, as Deborah Rappaport, founder, Minnesota Street Project states, “were initiated as a way for the Project to begin addressing the systemic racism in the art world.” In support of these first two grant-making programs, Deborah and Andy Rappaport have seeded an initial \$150,000 in funds, gifted to the Minnesota Street Project Foundation from the Rappaport Family Foundation.

The **California Black Voices Project** grant will make available five \$10,000 grants to Black artists or curators in California to create an exhibition of new work or a newly curated exhibition. Each grantee will be provided appropriate space at 1275 Minnesota Street to feature their work in a physical exhibition, as well as assistance to build a virtual version hosted on the Minnesota Street Project Adjacent virtual exhibition site, and support for talks and other educational events in person at MSP, online at MSP Adjacent, or both.

Guidelines and jury will be announced by July 15, 2020. Applications will be accepted until August 31, 2020. Grants will be announced and made the week of October 12, 2020.

The second grant-making program, **Grants for Arts Equity**, will make capacity building grants to Bay Area visual arts organizations serving BIPOC and other underserved audiences. The program will be seeded with \$50,000, from which it will make grants of up to \$10,000 per organization.

Guidelines and grant applications will be available beginning July 15, 2020. Grants will be made on a rolling basis starting in September.

The **California Black Voices Project** and **Grants for Arts Equity**, as well as other grant-making programs to be announced later this year, can be expanded through donations to the Minnesota Street Project Foundation by other interested funders.

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**About Minnesota Street Project Foundation**

Established in 2019, Minnesota Street Project Foundation embarks on initiatives to further develop the diversity and vibrancy of arts-related culture within and beyond the Project’s model. Through collaboration, the Foundation advances educational and civic programming and provides direct financial support to artist and arts organizations. The Foundation commits to fostering relationships with local, national, and international businesses, individuals, and institutions to support the evolving landscape of art practice and patronage.

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