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**Grants for Arts Equity:
Five Bay Area Visual Arts Organizations Receive Capacity Building Grants
From Minnesota Street Project Foundation**

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**The Space Program San Francisco and Minnesota Street Project Foundation
Launch New Collaborative Funding Opportunity: Joint Space Award**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, February 02, 2021 – **Minnesota Street Project Foundation** is pleased to announce the organizational recipients of the **Grants for Arts Equity** and the launch of the **Joint Space Award**, a new collaborative grant-making program between the Minnesota Street Project Foundation and The Space Program San Francisco.

The Minnesota Street Project Foundation’s **Grants for Arts Equity** program, announced in 2020 and seeded with an initial \$50,000 in funds, has awarded **five Bay Area visual arts organizations** serving BIPOC and other underserved audiences, each with a \$10,000 capacity building grant. The grants were awarded to the following organizations, [Art Handlxrs*](#), [Betti Ono](#), [Black Cultural Zone Community Development Corporation](#), [CounterPulse](#), and [SF Urban Film Fest](#).

“We’re thrilled to congratulate the first awardees of the Grants for Arts Equity program,” comments Deborah Rappaport, President, Minnesota Street Project Foundation. “The essential work each of these organizations are engaging in daily to amplify artistic voices and visions exemplifies the best of creativity and professionalism in the Bay Area visual arts.”

Building on its 2020 grant-making programs, the Minnesota Street Project Foundation is pleased to announce the [Joint Space Award](#), created through a unique collaboration between the **Minnesota Street Project Foundation** and **The Space Program San Francisco**. “The Joint Space Award,” notes Rappaport, “is an opportunity to utilize both organizations’ physical and digital spaces to recognize and reward the ambitious work of an individual Bay Area BIPOC artist, or a pair of collaborating artists, and provide the grantee the benefits of both organization’s resources and expertise.”

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The Joint Space Award grantee will receive a financial award of \$5,000, plus a one to two-month residency at [The Space Program](#), equipped with the tools, expertise, and up to an additional \$5,000 in materials needed to complete their proposed artwork. Following their residency, the grantee's resulting artwork will be presented online through [Minnesota Street Project Adjacent](#), the Project's virtual space for art, and installed physically at Minnesota Street Project's landmark location, 1275 Minnesota Street.

The Joint Space Award grant is administered by the Minnesota Street Project Foundation, a nonprofit organization. Recommendations for Joint Space Award grantees are made through a juried selection process comprising Bay Area artists and arts leaders. Guidelines and grant applications are available at www.minnesotastreetprojectfoundation.org. Applications are due by March 5, 2021.

**The Bay Area includes the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.*

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About The Space Program is a San Francisco-based residency, providing artists across a range of disciplines with the space, tools, and time to create. In a city facing rapidly diminishing spaces for creative pursuits The Space Program San Francisco aims to be an oasis for artists. Our goal is to nurture and revitalize the vibrant artistic culture that has long defined the Bay Area. The Space Program provides resident artists across a range of disciplines with the space, tools, and time to create. Residents have access to a 2,500 sq. ft. warehouse studio with screen printing facilities, a painting studio, wood and metal shop tools, plus a recording studio, and external capabilities in ceramics, fabrication, and sculpture. www.spaceprogramsf.com

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. www.minnesotastreetprojectfoundation.org

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