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Pathways: A Native Space Initiative



Program Overview



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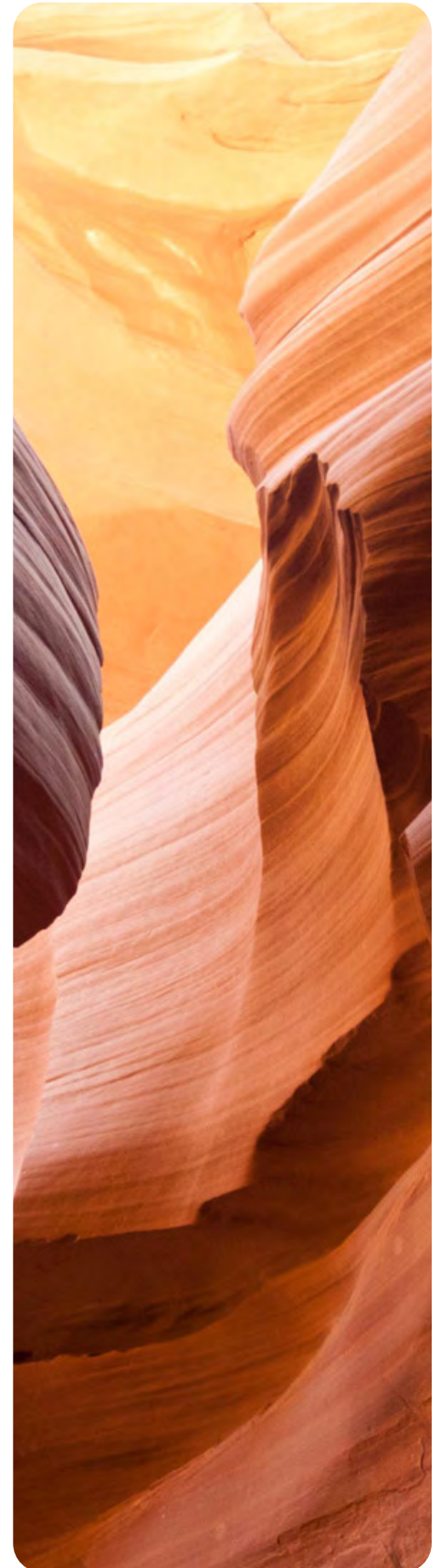


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Pathways: A Native Space Initiative is a pilot program designed to support Native arts and cultural organizations in accessing and developing arts and cultural space in their communities. It is a 12-month, virtual, cohort-based program. The goal of Pathways is to utilize Artspace's decades of expertise as a real estate developer for the creative sector to assist Native American arts and cultural organizations in developing and implementing strategies that leverage their existing cultural and creative assets and support the development and sustainability of new arts and cultural spaces.

What Participants Receive

- A year of professional development training and capacity-building workshops related to the specific space needs and issues of participants, including, but not limited to: fundamentals of real estate development, capital and operational sources and uses, space planning, communications, and fundraising
 - An average of 15-20 hours of one-on-one coaching and technical assistance
 - The opportunity to build relationships with Native arts and cultural leaders who are navigating similar space-related challenges and to foster cross-cohort learning interactions
 - Comprehensive planning tools and templates that help advance space-related projects, paired with dedicated time and guidance so that participants can implement them
 - Introductions to real estate development and industry professionals from around the country
 - The opportunity to develop both a written case statement and a "pitch" presentation for one's space-related project for funders and other key stakeholders
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Cohort Structure

Through a selection process, Artspace will invite ten organizations to participate in the program. Each organization may have two or three members participate in the 12-month virtual program. The Pathways program is conducted over Zoom and Howspace, an online learning and engagement platform.

Organization Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for Pathways, Native American arts or cultural organizations must meet the following criteria:

1. The organization is within one of the following locations: Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Southern California, South Dakota, Washington, or Wisconsin;
 2. The organization must have programming and a dedicated budget to support Native arts and culture; and
 3. The organization has been providing arts and cultural programming for at least three years.
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Submitting Your Application

The online application opens Monday, October 2, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. (CT) and will close on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. (CT). Those applicants chosen to advance to the interview round will be notified shortly thereafter. Successful applicants will be made aware of their acceptance by Friday, December 15, 2023. The application and more information about the process can be found at www.artspace.org/pathways. Application assistance appointments will be held the week of November 6, 2023.

Want to learn more about the program? Join us for an informal informational meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 23 or Wednesday, November 1, 2023. You can register at www.artspace.org/pathways.

Special Acknowledgment

The influence that First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds have had on Artspace has been instrumental in its work with diverse Native American organizations and Native communities looking for assistance with their space

goals. Artspace recognizes First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds as thought leaders in creating social and economic change by putting artists and culture bearers at the center of community development. It is with deep gratitude to First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds that Artspace has been welcomed into this inspiring work in honoring the Collective Spirit© of the First Peoples of this nation.

Artspace

Artspace's mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable and sustainable spaces for artists and arts organizations. We work with organizations and municipalities to plan the spaces they need to deliver programs and services to their communities. Artspace combines the tools of real estate with an understanding of the creative sector to provide technical assistance, feasibility and market research, and coaching services to assist arts and cultural organizations with their unique space initiatives. Whether it is a mixed-use development or a long-term lease, we help our clients create sustainable, affordable, and equitable spaces.
