

## Intermedia Arts - Request for Proposals

The Board of Directors of Intermedia Arts (“IA”) is seeking proposals (“Proposals”) to invest approximately \$1 million to support the development of a sustainable, accessible and multidisciplinary art space in the Twin Cities. We welcome Proposals from current or start-up arts organizations with missions that support historically under-represented artists and communities, as IA served.

### Background

In October 2017, due primarily to financial challenges, IA ceased operations. Since that time, IA has taken steps to fully wind down operations, sell the IA real estate in the LynLake neighborhood, and pay the organization’s outstanding debts and liabilities. Upon completion of this process in mid-2019, IA had approximately \$2 million of remaining funds.

In November 2019, IA granted approximately \$1 million of these available funds to support Artspace’s purchase of the Northrup King Building and related properties (the “NKB Property”). Artspace is a Minneapolis-based non-profit organization that intends to preserve the NKB Property as a home for Twin Cities’ artists and for arts-based uses, including affordable artist housing (<https://www.artspace.org/northrup-king>).

### Development of Space

Based on our view of the current needs of the communities IA traditionally served, we believe the need for sustainable art spaces is the most compelling use of IA’s remaining funds. It is also our belief that the pandemic and the uprising in the Twin Cities have amplified the need for space. Therefore, IA will accept Proposals in two categories:

1. IA invested in the NKB Property to preserve it as a home for the artists and communities IA traditionally served. In connection with IA’s investment, Artspace agreed to work with IA to develop available space at the NKB Property for use consistent with IA’s mission, provided there is an organization or organizations that can operate in the space on an independent basis (the “New Space”). If such an opportunity is identified, IA will provide up to \$1 million of development and support funding to this organization or organizations.
2. However, IA is not limiting its selection to the support the New Space at the NKB Property alone. IA encourages Proposals to develop or support other arts spaces in the Twin Cities, consistent with IA’s mission.

### Request for Proposals

Proposals should be submitted no later than Friday, December 4, 2020 to Omar Akbar ([omarakbar@gmail.com](mailto:omarakbar@gmail.com)) and David Greenberg ([gree0202@gmail.com](mailto:gree0202@gmail.com)). Given the nature of these Proposals, we encourage individuals or organizations that intend to submit to reach out to Omar and David for an initial discussion. Depending on the number and nature of Proposals received, IA also may elect to contact one or more applicants for further discussion and follow-up requests after submission.

Proposals can be provided in narrative or presentational form and should address the following. (If the proposal is a collaboration of more than one organization, include information on all organizations.)

1. **Mission**—Describe the organization’s core purpose and the communities it currently serves and/or will serve, and how this is consistent with the mission of IA.
2. **Leadership**—Provide backgrounds of the organization’s current or proposed leadership, including board of directors and advisers, if applicable.
3. **Space**—Describe the type of space the organization currently operates and/or seeks to operate, including discussion of the type of space that is optimal for the organization (e.g., performance, gallery/exhibition, event).
4. **Use of Funds**—Describe in detail how the organization would use the proceeds from a grant of up to \$1 million from IA, including timing.
5. **Sustainability**—Describe in detail the organization or program’s actual or proposed sources of income and expense over the next 2-3 years. If applicable to the organization or program, please also provide any readily available historical financial information regarding income and expense.

If you have any questions, please contact Omar and David at the email addresses provided above.



## MISSION

Intermedia Arts is a catalyst that builds understanding among people through art.

## VISION

To be a nationally recognized leader whose investment in changemaking artists, cross-sector partnerships, and unique arts-based approaches leads to more capable, healthy and equitable communities.

## CORE VALUES

*We believe in...*

- ▶ **Supporting artists as leaders.** We invest in artists as change-making community assets and believe in their power to collaborate, innovate, think big and act with commitment.
- ▶ **Providing a platform for under-represented voices.** Our work amplifies voices through deep, authentic and long-term relationships in communities that are historically and traditionally under-represented.
- ▶ **Offering a safe and open space for artistic risk-taking.** We value a welcoming environment that allows artists and audiences to create, see and engage with dynamic, cutting-edge work.
- ▶ **Ensuring accountability, transparency and sustainability.** Our actions respect our commitment to being good stewards of our relationships and our resources.

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