

## Change Leader – Creative Change Scholarships (Formerly – Random Acts of Art)

### **Purpose:**

Creative Change Scholarships fund projects spearheaded by Change Leaders, which encourage innovative cultural engagement in communities with special attention to projects that advance inclusion, diversity, equity and/or accessibility. Scholarships can range from cultural projects to targeted community-based activities.

### **Goals:**

- Assist Change Leaders in building value and increasing connections within their communities.
- Advance diversity, equity, accessibility, and/or inclusion within organizations or communities.
- Support “push projects” that are outside of normal organizational activities or programming.
- Illustrate the impact of arts or museums in meeting social/community needs.
- Strengthen and raise awareness of the Change Leader Program.

### **A project must meet the following criteria:**

- The applicant must request funding through a nonprofit institution (501(c)(3) or government agency and the check must be issued to that institution.  
*- If this creates a difficulty please reach out to us*
- The project meets the Creative Change purpose.
- Scholarship funds must be spent and project must be completed within the fiscal year (FY21 ends June 30, 2021).
- Only certified Change Leaders may apply
  - The exception to this rule is if a Change Leader is using this scholarship as part of their certification project.
- A certified Change Leader must act as a chief organizer.

**Award money may NOT be used for:**

- Projects that are part of regular programming or services that organization(s) generally offer.
- Projects that have already taken place.
- A Change Leader's personal gain or that of immediate family members.
- For-profit ventures.
- Projects that are receiving other UA&M funding for the same activity.
- A new project, if the applicant Change Leader received a Creative Change Scholarship (*formerly Random Acts of Art*) in the previous fiscal year but did not submit an evaluation for the project.
- No more than 20% of any Creative Change Scholarship may be used for hospitality.
- No scholarship funds may be used for the purchase of alcohol.
- No scholarship funds may be used for political advocacy.
- *NOTE* - If a Creative Change Scholarship is to be used for activities associated with a fundraiser, it is recommended that you contact a member of the Community Arts team prior to making application.

**Disclaimer:**

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**About Creative Change Scholarships:**

- Scholarships will award up to \$500 for projects involving one Change Leader.
- If a second Change Leader from a different organization is also actively engaged in the application and project, the scholarship request can be up to \$1000.

- Department of Heritage & Arts employees should reach out to Change Leader staff before applying.
- Change Leaders may apply annually for Creative Change Scholarships
- Change Leaders may only receive one scholarship per fiscal year whether as the lead or secondary applicant.
- Scholarship applications are open all year and reviewed upon receipt.
- Scholarships will be funded until the Creative Change budget reached.
- Access the application at [uamgrants.utah.gov](http://uamgrants.utah.gov).

**Scholarship recipients will be required to:**

1. Sign an acknowledgement letter.
2. Use the [Utah Arts & Museums logo](#) in all promotional materials.
3. Upon completion of the project, scholarship recipients will submit a final report (available at [uamgrants.utah.gov](http://uamgrants.utah.gov)).

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