

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The following is a summary of the agency's activities and operations:

Grant applications opening and closing

The application deadline for the FY22 Juried Exhibition Grant (JEG) was Friday, January 21, 2022. Works by selected JEG applicants will be included in a juried, themed art exhibition to take place in CAH's lobby and online gallery spaces later this year.

Applications for the FY22 Facilities and Buildings-Relief (FAB-R) grant program will open Friday, February 4, 2022. FAB-R provides rent and mortgage support to District-based nonprofit arts and humanities organizations recovering from the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants may request up to \$30,000. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 4, 2022.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the FY22 Color the Curb: School Safety Grant Program will open Friday, February 4, 2022, and close Monday, February 28, 2022. The grant program is a partnership between CAH and DDOT. Three DC artists will be selected to design and install ground murals to improve pedestrian safety in the intersections near three schools in Ward 7.

Applications for FY 2023 General Operating Support (GOS) grants will open Friday, January 28, 2023. General support funding will be awarded to District-based nonprofit arts, humanities, arts education, and arts and humanities service organizations with a primary mission focus in arts, humanities and/or an arts or humanities discipline. Award amounts vary. The deadline to apply is Monday, February 28, 2022.

MidAtlantic Arts Regional Arts Organizations Meeting

On January 14, 2022, ED Sereke-Brhan participated in the Mid-Atlantic Region State and Jurisdiction Partnership meetings with a cohort of area Executive Directors from Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virgin Islands, New York, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey. As the areas Regional Arts Organization (RAO), Mid-Atlantic Arts convened the meeting and shared updates on advocacy and public policy efforts and considerations about extending regional arts membership to currently unaffiliated territories, namely Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands (in the Pacific) and Puerto Rico (in the Caribbean).

Grantmakers in the Arts racial equity training

Grantmakers in the Arts (GIA), the only national association of both public and private arts and culture funders in the US, will be offering its own racial equity training workshops series, focused on arts funding. Six staff members from the grants, public art, and arts education teams have signed up to take the four-part training series this spring.

Annual performance oversight hearing

CAH will have its annual performance oversight hearing before the DC Council Committee of the Whole on Friday, March 4, 2022.

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