



## **Foundation Committee Report**

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Submitted for the Public CAH Meeting by  
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The Foundation Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2024. In attendance were Commissioners Maggiano (Committee chair), Brienza, Evans and Van Lee; and community members Melgarejo and Bilfield.

During this meeting we reviewed a scored list of impact areas that an Arts Foundation in DC should consider. These impact areas were based on feedback from previous-years stakeholder engagement initiatives conducted by CAH, recent stakeholder initiatives surrounding the Art Week effort, and conversations with other funders around the country. The committee condensed the priorities into three main areas: supporting a large art festival to bring more people and awareness to the city; funding artists and organizations who don't receive needed resources from traditional sources; acting as a convener for the artist and the philanthropic community.

We discussed a few specifics of how a possible foundation should or should not operate, and reiterated the foundational requirement that the foundation not cannibalize current giving, but instead inspire new giving or additional support from historic funding sources.

We ended the meeting by talking about the next steps, which will include drafting a set of recommendations for how a foundation could be most impactful for the DC arts community. We expect to draft and revise these recommendations over the summer, and present to the full commission by or before the October CAH meeting.