



Public Comment on the Draft FY2027-30 Strategic Plan

The D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities (CAH) is preparing its next multi-year plan, which will guide CAH's work from Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 through FY2030.

The Draft Strategic Plan, presented at the [Commission's July public meeting](#) is the result of months of stakeholder engagement via survey, interviews, focus groups, feedback and visioning sessions with the general public, CAH grantees, partners, staff, and Commissioners culminating in a [Needs Assessment report](#).

The Draft Plan includes: the agency's mission and vision statements and the proposed guiding principles, goals, strategies and activities for the next four years.

This Draft Plan is now open through July 31 for public comment. Interested respondents can also provide feedback by:

- Completing this feedback [form](#)
- Emailing comments to feedback@opportunityconsulting.com
- Participate in the in-person feedback session: 7/21 at 4pm at CAH's office [\[Register here\]](#)
- Join the Virtual feedback session: 7/29 at 4pm on Zoom [\[Register here\]](#)

Mission and Vision

The following mission and vision statements were established in the prior strategic plan. No changes were recommended by CAH's Governance Committee.

- **Mission:** Our mission is to serve and advance the diverse cultural interests of the residents and workers of the District of Columbia. We believe in the power of the arts, humanities and the entire creative sector of the economy to enliven and strengthen our communities. We focus our efforts on the nonprofits arts community, individual artists and creative entrepreneurs, the humanities field, and decision-makers. We provide support through funding, programs that address gaps, and educational opportunities and we provide leadership through policy, innovation initiatives, knowledge and connections.

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- **Vision:** The Commission enhances the quality of life and economic well being of DC residents by nurturing DC's artists and cultural institutions and by fostering the conditions where creative enterprises can prosper.

Draft Guiding Principles

Guiding principles serve as the throughline across the strategic plan, ensuring goals, strategies, and actions reflect a common set of values and expectations.

These guiding principles reflect themes about challenges, strengths, and needs.





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Draft Goals and Strategies

GOAL 1 Awareness	GOAL 2 Impact	GOAL 3 Convenor	GOAL 4 Excellence
Increase understanding of the essential role arts and humanities play in Washington, DC's social, civic, cultural, educational, and economic vitality.	Invest strategically in artists, organizations, and communities through equitable, transparent, and outcomes-driven grantmaking that maximizes public impact.	Bolster DC's creative ecosystem by serving as a trusted convenor, connector, and catalyst for collaboration, innovation, and collective impact.	Strengthen the people, systems, governance, and culture needed to deliver exceptional public service and maximize CAH's impact.
STRATEGIES			
1A Build public awareness of DC's arts and humanities ecosystem 1B Increase visibility of artists, organizations, and arts opportunities 1C Elevate stories of artistic excellence and community impact	2A Establish, communicate, and consistently apply a clear, outcome-driven grantmaking framework. 2B Improve the accessibility, transparency, and effectiveness of the grantmaking process for applicants, grantees, and staff. 2C Strengthen grantmaking data, measurement, and accountability.	3A Support opportunities to build the capacity of art/humanities professionals to build relationships and share resources. 3B Strengthen collaboration among community organizations, agencies, and community partners around shared priorities 3C Expand local, national, and international partnerships that amplify DC's creative reputation and CAH's impact.	4A Strengthen planning, performance management, and data use. 4B Enhance operational systems, processes, and organizational effectiveness 4C Support a positive, inclusive workplace that enables staff to succeed, grow, and stay 4D Equip Commissioners with timely and updated tools, information, and training needed to lead effectively.