

Bronx beat

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Bronx Council Offers Art Grants

The Bronx Council on the Arts and the Urban Artist Initiative/ New York City (UAI/NYC), announce the third application cycle of a new grants program for NYC individual artists of color with a 2009 application deadline of October 29th.

In the groundbreaking first two grant cycles of the UAI/NYC grant program, 140 artists have received a total of \$225,000.

This year - with support provided by Leveraging Investments in Creativity (LINC), the Joan Mitchell Foundation, and the Starry Night Fund of the Tides Foundation, this initiative marks the third year of a cross-discipline grant program developed specially for New York City artists who self-identify their heritage as African, Latino, Asian, or Native American, embracing as well the diversity that exists within communities of color.

UAI/NYC, like so many others, has had to adjust to funding reductions because of the economy. This year 34 Fellowships of \$1,500 each will be available to individual artists for their artistic and professional development, allocated in accordance with the City's demographics. Furthermore, grants in this cycle will be awarded only in the visual arts and media arts. Native American artists, however, may apply in the performing and literary arts as well.

UAI/NYC has been developed by a consortium including AMERINDA, INC., the Asian American Arts Alliance, the Harlem Arts Alliance, and the Latino Artists' Initiative (sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts) working in partnership with the Queens Council on the Arts, the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, the New York Foundation for the Arts, and the Bronx Council on the Arts – the project's sponsoring organization.

The deadline for application submission is October 29, 2009. The online application is available at <http://uai.cuerate.org> or by going to the website of any of consortium members. Applications should be submitted online.