

PRECIPICE FUND

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PRECIPICE FUND ANNOUNCES ROUND ONE SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

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Administered by the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art (PICA) as part of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts' Regional Regranting Program, the Precipice Fund awards grants to unincorporated visual art collectives, alternative spaces, and collaborative projects in Portland, Oregon. Recognizing the barriers to funding faced by independent art initiatives, Precipice Fund seeks to support both new and existing projects emblematic of Portland's alternative, on-the-ground art community. In Round One, the Precipice Fund will award 20 to 30 grants between \$500 and \$5,000 each.

ROUND ONE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Online submissions open on callforentry.org

Friday, October 18, 2013

Application deadline

Grants will be made by year-end of 2013. Awarded projects must be completed by December 31, 2014.

INFORMATION SESSIONS & BUDGET WORKSHOPS

The Precipice Fund aspires to cultivate a culture of grantmaking that emphasizes community over competition and reduces barriers to funding by simplifying the application process and providing opportunities for professional development. Our Information Sessions and Budget Workshops serve these goals by gathering applicants together to build skills, share ideas, and connect with each other.

Information sessions will cover the Precipice Fund application process, eligibility and selection criteria, and appropriate use of funds. These sessions are also an opportunity to ask questions of staff. It is recommended that anyone considering

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applying for a 2013 Precipice Fund grant plan for at least one collaborator on their project to attend an information session—preferably the proposal's lead applicant/organizer.

Information sessions will be held on the following dates at PICA, 415 SW 10th Ave, Suite 300, Portland.

Thursday, April 4th, 6:00-7:30pm

Saturday, May 4th, 1:00-2:15pm

Thursday, June 27th, 6:00-7:30pm

Saturday, July 27th, 1:00-2:15pm

In addition to general information sessions, two budgeting workshops will be offered on the following dates, also at PICA:

Saturday, May 4th, 2:30-4:00pm

Saturday, July 27th, 2:30-4:00pm

Led by PICA staff, these workshops will walk through project budgeting basics, including planning for expenses, distributing funds, and completing a Precipice budget form. There will also be time in these guided sessions to complete a practice budget worksheet, discuss examples, and ask questions of staff. These workshops are highly recommended for applicants who are new to grant writing and budgeting.

REGISTRATION

Interested applicants should pre-register for information sessions and/or budget workshops via email to precipice@pica.org and indicate session date and number of people attending from their applicant group. Anyone registering for the May 4th or July 27th sessions should indicate whether they will attend the general information session, the budget workshop, or both.

PRECIPICEFUND.ORG

In early April, PICA will launch **precipicefund.org**, a website devoted to information about the granting initiative. The site will feature full submissions guidelines and a calendar of dates for deadlines and information sessions. Prior to the site launch, please visit **pica.org** for Precipice Fund mailing list sign-up. General inquiries can be directed to **precipice@pica.org**

ABOUT THE PRECIPICE FUND

The Precipice Fund provides critical support for artist-driven organizations, projects, initiatives, and publications that exist on the edge of new practice. These projects operate outside of traditional forms of support, galvanize communities, promote critical dialogue, and encourage generative and expansive artistic process while driving culture forward regionally and nationally. These often informal, anti-institutional, serious, intentionally nebulous, and innovative projects are an integral part of Portland's vital art ecology and are emulative of the pioneering spirit of the Pacific Northwest.

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