



## Guiding Principles

The following principles have guided the Team's thinking in this process:

- The arts\* create vibrant neighborhoods and contribute to a thriving economy.
- The arts create a more connected community.
- The ability to articulate the impact of the arts sector on the region is important to building community support.
- Differentiated arts organizations and programs of various sizes and disciplines are necessary to address the diverse interests of the community.
- Anchor arts institutions are necessary to catalyze arts activity across the region.
- An important measure of ArtsWave's success is its ability to attract increased resources to and participation in the arts sector.
- An effective grantmaking process needs to drive measurable community impact, maintain public trust, be easily understood, and provide a level of predictable funding to sustain measurable change over an extended period of time.
- Collaboration between arts organizations leads to a higher level of artistic experience and helps the sector use its resources more efficiently.
- A relevant grantmaking process needs to allow for continuous learning, evaluation and adjustment.
- Reasonable transition periods are required as funding processes change.

\* Arts references both arts and culture organizations.