

**THE LEEWAY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$49,887 IN SUPPORT TO 21 INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS AND CULTURAL PRODUCERS HIGHLIGHTING ARCHIVAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION PRACTICES**

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PHILADELPHIA- In the time of a global pandemic, Leeway continues to take note and be led by how our community adapts to and explores their practice to the current and even future environment.

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This Spring cohort of Art and Change grantees features a variety of artistic disciplines and social change intents, including but not limited to cultural preservation, LGBTQA social movements, and disability justice. Whether archiving their communities, creating media to uplift movements for decarceration, or curating socially-distanced spaces of joy, all of these artists are adapting and exploring their socially-engaged artistic practice.

Leeway's Art and Change Grant provides grants of up to \$2,500 to fund art for social change projects by women and trans\* artists and cultural producers living in Greater Philadelphia.

**The Spring 2021 Art and Change grantees are (in alphabetical order):**

**Ada Trillo** of Logan Circle, Visual Arts/Media Arts, \$2,500  
**Ami Joelle Glazer** of West Philadelphia, Media Arts/Visual Arts, \$2,500  
**Anula Shetty** of Fishtown, Media Arts, \$2,500  
**Becca 'Honeychile' Graham** of West Philadelphia, Music/Performance, \$2,500  
**Caitlin (kt) Abadir-Mullally** of Whitman, Multidisciplinary, \$2,500  
**Candy Alexandra Gonzalez** of Kingsessing & **Symone Salib** of Newbold, Visual Arts/Literary Arts, \$2,500  
**Crystal Anokam** of East Parkside, Visual Arts/Literary Arts, \$2,500  
**Deanna Emmons** of Francisville, Multidisciplinary, \$2,500  
**Erlina Ortiz** of Haddonfield (Camden County), Performance/Literary Arts, \$2,500  
**Jenna Facenda** of Manayunk/Roxborough, Literary Arts/Visual Arts, \$2,500  
**Julie Be** of West Philadelphia, Music, \$2,500  
**Kim Dinh** of South Philadelphia, Visual Arts, \$2,500  
**Kirsten Michelle Cillis** of South Philadelphia, Media Arts/Performance, \$2,500  
**Maci Kociszewski** of South Philadelphia, Multidisciplinary, \$2,500  
**Mieke D** of West Philadelphia, Performance, \$2,500  
**Nana Akosua Nyo** of South Philadelphia, Performance/Media Arts, \$2,387  
**Qrescent Mali Mason** of West Philadelphia/Cobbs Creek, Visual Arts/Performance, \$2,500  
**Shannon Brooks** of Southwest Philadelphia/Spruce Hill, Media Arts/Performance, \$2,500  
**Val Dunn** of Kensington, Literary Arts/Performance, \$2,500

**Veronica MJ** of West Philadelphia, Music/Performance, \$2,500

Art and Change Grants are distributed twice a year and evaluated by an independent peer review panel. The 2021 review panel consisted of theatre artist, writer, and educator **Briyana D. Clarel (ACG '20)**, multimedia and textile artist **Lynda Grace Black (WOO '01)**, and writer, photographer, and multimedia artist **Lovella Calica (ACG '14, '07, '06; LTA '09)**.

Applications are made available on the Leeway website and may also be obtained by calling 1(215) 728–9273 or emailing [info@leeway.org](mailto:info@leeway.org). Potential applicants are encouraged to attend one of the many support sessions offered throughout the year or schedule an appointment with a staff member for one-on-one support.

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### **ABOUT LEEWAY**

The Leeway Foundation supports women, trans\* and gender nonconforming artists and cultural producers working in communities at the intersection of art, culture, and social change. Through our grantmaking and other programs, we promote artistic expression that amplifies the voices of those on the margins, promotes sustainable and healthy communities, and works in the service of movements for economic and social justice. For more information about Leeway, its grant programs, grantees, and events, visit [leeway.org](http://leeway.org).

*\*Leeway is a trans-affirming organization committed to gender self-determination, and we use the term “trans” in its most inclusive sense, as an umbrella term encompassing transsexual, transgender, genderqueer, Two-Spirit people, and anyone whose gender identity or gender expression is nonconforming and/or different from their gender assigned at birth.*

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