



**LEEWAY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$125,000 IN SUPPORT TO 5 RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDIA ARTIST AND ACTIVIST RESIDENCY (MAR) IN 2022.**

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PHILADELPHIA – Leeway Foundation announces its 2022 Media Artist + Activist Residencies and \$125,000 in funding to five media artists working in close collaboration with social justice/cultural organizations to document, reframe, and/or amplify the issues and campaigns of the organizations. This residency supports women, trans\*, and gender nonconforming media artists as creative strategists, who will work embedded within their collaborative organizations for one year, with each residency providing \$15,000 to the media artist and \$10,000 to the organization.

This year’s cohort of recipients saw a focus in liberatory visions for the future addressing a collective understanding around topics such as shared power, access, and belonging. All recipients selected racial justice as of one their social change intents. Other intents include immigrant justice, cultural preservation, environmental and economic justice.

Leeway continues to recognize the longstanding impact and collective power of media artists in Greater Philadelphia as they visualize our past, current, and present through film, multimedia, interactive design, and more.

*The Leeway Foundation Media Artist + Activist Residency was made possible by support from the Independence Public Media Foundation.*

**The Media Artist + Activist Residents are (in alphabetical order):**

**Anula Shetty and Norris Square Neighborhood Project**  
**Li Sumpter and Theatre in the X**  
**Michelle Angela Ortiz and Bella Vista Neighbors Association**  
**Nadia Hironaka and Philadelphia Folklore Project**  
**Ra Primus and Food Moxie**

Media Artist + Activist Residency applications are evaluated by an independent peer review panel. The 2022 review panel consisted of Philadelphia-based researcher cultural producer, and community archaeologist, **Malkia Okech (MAR '21)**; activist, writer, public speaker on issues of digital rights, narrative power, Black liberation and collective grief, and founder of MediaJustice, **Malkia Devich-Cyril**; and an award-winning independent filmmaker, screenwriter, producer, and creative consultant, **Paige Wood**.

Applications are made available on the Leeway website and may also be obtained by calling (215) 545-4078 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).

*\*We use the term “trans” in its most inclusive sense, as an umbrella term encompassing transsexual, transgender, genderqueer, Two-Spirit people, and more generally, anyone whose gender identity or gender expression is nonconforming and/or different from their gender assigned at birth.*

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