



Nationally, people working in folk and traditional arts generally can expect to get access to only 2-4% of arts grant dollars. In contrast, at Leeway more than 15% of awardees are doing work in folk arts and cultural heritage. This is significant: It shows that Leeway gets out there to places and people who aren't the usual suspects on grant lists, that it takes seriously people whose credentials are embodied in their own work and measured in neighborhood respect. It shows that you can work at access and fair process. You can work to keep doors open, kick them down, pay attention to what might be barriers. This work makes a difference in who gets a shot.

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Funding Programs

Art and Change Grant & Transformation Award

Our grant programs, the Art and Change Grant and the Leeway Transformation Award, are open to women and transgender artists living in the Philadelphia region working in any medium of art, including traditional and non-traditional as well as multimedia and experimental forms. Creating change must be integral to the ideas, beliefs, and goals that are woven throughout the work and the process of creating and sharing the work.

Art and Change Grant (ACG)

The project-based Art and Change Grant provides up to \$2,500 to fund art for social change projects and opportunities.

Leeway Transformation Award (LTA)

The \$15,000 Transformation Award, offered annually, honors artists who have demonstrated a commitment to creating art for social change for five years or more.