

# THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION

*The Community Foundation of the Bay Area*

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2008 Fund For Artists Matching Commissions

Online Applications due: **Wednesday, September 17, 2008**, by 11:59 p.m.  
Artist Work Samples due: **Friday, September 19, 2008**, by 5:00 p.m.  
Informational Session: **Wednesday, August 27, 2008**, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The San Francisco Foundation (TSFF) is pleased to announce the **2008 Fund For Artists (FFA) Matching Commissions** grants program. These grants are designed to extend opportunities to small- to mid-sized arts organizations to work with artists to commission new works and build the organization's individual donor bases. Through the FFA, TSFF will award funds that must be matched on a one-to-one basis by individual donor contributions within three months of grant notification.

If your organization's budget is less than \$2 million, you may apply for up to \$5,000 to be matched by individuals. All funds awarded from TSFF must go directly to the artist, although your organization's match from individuals may be used to help underwrite presentation costs.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibition spaces, performance presenters, and media and arts organizations can apply.
- Your organization must be based in San Francisco or San Mateo County.
- Artists to be commissioned must reside within the five counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, or San Mateo.
- Your organization's annual operating budget must be less than \$2,000,000.
- You must have 501(c)3 nonprofit status or have a fiscal sponsor.
- A public presentation of the work is required, although an in-process presentation (based on the discipline) is acceptable.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted through Grantee Center, TSFF's online application system, at <https://granteecenter.sff.org/>, no later than **11:59 pm on Wednesday, September 17, 2008**. (Online assistance will be available until 5:00 pm).

Artist work samples must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Foundation at the address below no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2008**. (Please see online application for details about submitting work samples).

Attn: Kevin Seaman  
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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please join us for an informational session about the FFA Matching Commissions on **Wednesday, August 27, 2008**, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at The San Francisco Foundation office. We invite you to share this information with your peer organizations.

For more information or to RSVP for the workshop, please contact Kevin Seaman at 415.733.8508 or [kls@sff.org](mailto:kls@sff.org).