

THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation of the Bay Area

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2009 Fund For Artists Matching Commissions

Online Applications due: **11:59 pm on Friday, June 19, 2009**
Artist Work Samples due: **5:00 pm on Friday, June 19, 2009**

The San Francisco Foundation (TSFF) is pleased to announce the release of the 2009 round of the **Fund For Artists (FFA) Matching Commissions**. This program is designed to extend an opportunity to small- to mid-sized arts organizations to work with artists to commission new works and build the organizations' individual donor bases. Through the FFA, TSFF will award funds that must be matched on a one-to-one basis by individual donor contributions for the commissioning of new works by Bay Area artists.

To date, 150 artists and organizations such as yours have attracted donations from 1,748 donors and generated more than \$502,242 for artist-run organizations and artist-driven projects in the five county Bay Area.

If your organization's budget is under \$2 million, you may apply for up to \$5,000 to be matched by individuals. If awarded, your organization will have up to 90 days to make your match before grant funds are distributed. All funds awarded from TSFF must go directly to the artist, although your organization's matching donations from individuals can be used to help underwrite presentation costs. Also, your organization and donors will become part of a psychographic survey of donor motivations.

Eligibility requirements:

- Exhibition spaces, performance presenters, and media and arts organizations can apply.
- Organizations must be based in Marin, San Francisco, or San Mateo County.
- Artists to be commissioned must reside within Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, or San Mateo Counties.
- Your organization's annual operating budget must be less than \$2 million.
- 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.

Please use the Foundation's Grantee Center (<https://granteecenter.sff.org>) to complete the Fund For Artists Matching Commission online application, submitting your application no later than **11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2009**. Please note that online assistance will be available until 5:00 p.m. Artist work samples must be uploaded with the online application or hand-delivered no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2009**. Please log in to Grantee Center for complete application information, including details about submitting work samples.

For questions regarding the Fund For Artists Matching Commissions, please contact Arts and Culture Program Assistant Kevin Seaman at 415.733.8508 or kls@sff.org. Also, please feel free to share this information with your peer organizations.