

# **Landscape Study of Community-Based Youth Arts Programs with Workforce Development Components**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**PROPOSALS DUE: July 18, 2025**  
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### **Partners and Eligibility Questions**

**Q: Do applicants need to be non-profit?**

A: No. RPP's key partners, including the partner submitting the proposal, may be a 501(c)(3) charity, a fiscally sponsored project, a corporation or limited liability company, a tribal entity, or other structures. If individual partners do not have an organization affiliation, you should list such individuals as consultants.

**Q: Can Wallace suggest research partners we might work with?**

A: No. Wallace cannot provide this service.

**Q: Should we include labor market and/or youth workforce experts in our team?**

A: We expect that such expertise will be helpful for understanding the existing evidence base, trends, and needs. However, you should include, and explain, the team you think best equipped to address the research questions.

### **Project Design Questions**

**Q: Are researchers constrained to focus on only the elements and outcomes described in the RFP (such as bridging and bonding capital)?**

A: No, the RFP includes the questions and ideas we have, but we welcome your ideas about other elements that should be included in the study to answer the research questions. As noted in the proposal, we are fundamentally interested in how these programs "support young people in creating and finding their future, by expanding and deepening their interests and shedding light on academic and career pathways for pursuing them." Our theory is that relationships (social capital) are a linchpin to this process, but we seek a research team that can bring deep understanding to what matters in these programs for young people's long term outcomes, including their worklife readiness and ultimately their economic mobility.

**Q: Is the focus limited to community-based arts organizations with paid career components?**

A: We are interested in programs with paid workforce components so that young people who need to work (to support their family or costs of living) can participate. However, we are open to hearing from researchers why it would be important to also include unpaid workforce components.

**Q: Are you interested in knowing how individual youth are benefitting?**

A: Yes. We are interested in learning how current programs are thinking about how they track benefits to young people, both short term (paid employment and job skills, new relationships and social capital) and long term (purpose, direction, and economic mobility). Ultimately we want to develop a theory of action for how such programs are or could be designed to advance short, medium, and long term benefits to participating youth, and how those benefits can be measured/marked.

**Q: Are any particular frameworks, such as PRISMA, required?**

A: No. Your proposal should explain your research methods and choices.

### **Proposal and Budget Questions**

**Q: Does Wallace require IRB approval?**

A: Yes, Wallace requires that you submit your IRB approval or exemption letter to us before you commence your research activities, and annually thereafter.

**Q: Will the agreement be a grant or a contract?**

A: This depends on the structure of your organization. We can do either.

**Q: How will funds be disbursed?**

A: Typically research grants are made on a reimbursement basis; however, if your organization is not structured to manage this process we can explore other options. For-profit groups can submit quarterly invoices. All grants that are not reimbursable will be required to submit an annual financial statement describing expenditures to date.

**Q: What is the allowable indirect rate?**

A: Wallace allows up to 20% on all direct costs.

**Q: Are there any disallowed expenses or cost limitations on use of grant funds?**

A: Budgeted expenses should pertain to activities necessary for research project you propose, including dissemination of study findings, with the budget justification explaining all budget choices. Wallace encourages meaningful incentives for research participants—which may or may not be relevant to the first Phase of this study; we do not have any requirements or restrictions on how you determine this for your study.

**Q: When do you expect grants to be announced?**

A: Our aim is to announce grants before the end of the year. Your project start date should be on or about January 1, 2026.

**Q: Would receiving the Landscape award make me ineligible for other potential Wallace Foundation grants or projects?**

A: No.