

The Professional Arts Network of the Greater Inland Empire

The Arts Area hosts the largest professional directory, cultural asset map, events calendar, and jobs board serving visual and performing artists, creative industry organizations and businesses, academic and cultural institutions, and arts advocates of San Bernardino, Riverside, and East Los Angeles Counties.

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Developing + Supporting Economic Sustainability + Equitable Access

The role of economic development includes a broad range of activities to attract, create, and retain jobs, and to foster a resilient, growing, and inclusive economy. The Arts Area develops and supports the creative econony through providing professional services in two important areas:

- Building a Professional Arts
 Network for All Creatives
- Providing Fiscal Sponsorship and Professional Business Services for Creative Industry Startups and Nonprofits



Starting a creative project, organization or business?



Fiscal Sponsorship

The Arts Area provides fiscal sponsorship to assist creative startup projects that might lack needed business support and funding to begin to serve the community by providing them immediate nonprofit status and eligibility for charitable donations, seeking grants, and institutional support, such as, accounting services, tax reporting, marketing, grant writing, donor cultivation, contract preparation, purchasing, credit card processing, general liability insurance, human resources, and other back office services.

There are several models of fiscal sponsorship. The Arts Area offers the following for both startups and established organizations:

Comprehensive Fiscal Sponsorship

In a Comprehensive Fiscal Sponsorship relationship, the fiscally-sponsored project becomes a program of the fiscal sponsor, and is a fully integrated part of the fiscal sponsor that maintains all legal and fiduciary responsibility for the sponsored project, including its employees and activities. The fiscally-sponsored project receives all of the benefits of a 501(c)(3) organization, in addition to institutional and professional support.

Pre-Approved Grant Relationship

In a Pre-Approved Grant Relationship Sponsorship, the fiscally-sponsored project does not become a program of the sponsor, but is a separate entity responsible for managing its own tax reporting and liability issues. The sponsor simply assures that the project will use the grant funds received to accomplish the ends described in the grant proposal.

Technical Assistance

This is a purely administrative service where the fiscal sponsor's ability to receive deductible contributions is not necessary. Under this model the fiscal sponsor can provide various professional business services, for example, accounting services, marketing, grant writing, and other back office services to another 501(c)(3) charity recognized by the IRS. Here, the fiscal sponsor lacks any discretion or control over the spending of funds.