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## Bold Initiative Supports Cultural Digital Engagement

A New Grant Funds Technological Equity and Accessibility in Five States

**Santa Fe New Mexico:** The Carl & Marilynn Thoma Art Foundation announces a new grant supporting initiatives that reimagine the role and use of technology in cultural organizations. Five [Digital Changemaker Grants](#) will be awarded to small and midsize organizations in Arizona, Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, or Texas. Individual awards of up to \$100,000 will support organizations integrating digital approaches into overall organizational strategy to execute cutting-edge digital projects.

Because the Thoma Art Foundation views technology as a tool of equity and accessibility, the Foundation is seeking applications from a broad array of cultural organizations including but not limited to museums, cultural heritage centers, tribal organizations, libraries, and local arts councils.

The Digital Changemaker Grant will help resilient cultural organizations meet the increasing demand for digital engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. This grant will support organizations to execute digital projects such as curating digital exhibitions, digitizing collections, and improving accessibility to content and services.

- 5 yearlong grants of up to \$100,000 each with successful projects eligible for renewal
- Open to organizations with an annual budget between \$500,000 and \$10,000,000
- Awarded to small and midsize nonprofits in AZ, IL, NM, OK, or TX
- Projects should facilitate learning, incorporate digital best practices, reach a broad audience, and be sustainable
- Open to all cultural organizations including but not limited to museums, cultural centers, tribal organizations, libraries, and local art councils
- Organizations must be committed to equity in their programming and institutional culture
- Applications accepted through the [grants portal](#) November 17, 2020 to March 11, 2021
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, early applicants preferred

Information on eligibility and instructions for application available at [Thoma Art Foundation Digital Changemaker Grant](#).

*The Carl & Marilynn Thoma Art Foundation recognizes the power of the arts to challenge and shift perceptions, spark creativity, and connect people across cultures. The Foundation supports pivotal initiatives in the arts by exhibiting artwork at their Santa Fe venue, lending artwork to institutions, providing grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and awarding individuals whose innovative projects and original ideas will advance scholarship in the arts. The Foundation is based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Chicago, Illinois.*

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