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Mesa Prototyping Project seeks ideas for neighborhood projects

Submissions due July 31, 2019

June 18, 2019 (Mesa, AZ) – The Mesa Arts Center, City of Mesa and several other partners have issued a Call for Ideas for the next phase of the Mesa Prototyping Project. The project asks, *how does a community design itself*, and explores answers through an ongoing series of events that utilize arts-based tools for community development.

The Call for Ideas issued today seeks ideas for neighborhood projects that directly respond to input and needs identified by residents of those neighborhoods. Proposals for temporary projects are being accepted through July 31, 2019 and anyone can apply. Selected projects will receive a budget of \$3,000 (depending on costs) and will be showcased in a free, public event on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Following a community residency and feedback gathering process facilitated by two artist teams, 11 locations in 2 neighborhoods have been identified as offering opportunities for improvement, intervention, creative enhancement.

[Call for Ideas in English.](#)

[Call for Ideas in Spanish.](#)

Those interested in submitting an idea for a temporary project are encouraged to review the observations made by neighborhood residents and community residency participants, and to attend an information session to learn more about the opportunity, meet neighborhood residents and ask questions. Information sessions will be held Tuesday, June 25, 6-7:30 p.m. at Mesa Artspace Lofts in Mesa, AZ and Thursday, July 11, 6-7:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities Campus in Mesa, AZ.

This phase of the Mesa Prototyping Project follows the Main Street Prototyping Festival in 2017, the installation of 2nd generation prototypes in spring 2019, and two community residencies in the neighborhoods southeast of downtown Mesa. The Mesa Prototyping Project is generously supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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About Mesa Arts Center

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and

an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.

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