



## MESA ARTS CENTER

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### **Mesa Arts Center Announces Rental Reduction Opportunity for Nonprofits: Creative Economy Fund now accepting applications**

**(Mesa, AZ)** The City of Mesa Department of Arts and Culture Creative Economy Fund will support reduced rental rates at Mesa Arts Center for non-profit organizations presenting an arts project, event, activity, workshop or a series of any of the above. Applicants must be a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization based in Arizona, or apply through a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.

Grant guidelines and applications are available for download at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/things-to-do/arts-culture/creative-economy-fund>, and the deadline to apply is **5 p.m. May 6, 2022**.

The program is part of an ongoing initiative to further activate the urban center of Mesa, to increase the growing number and variety of offerings in downtown Mesa, and to continue to build an environment of creativity and discovery in the downtown Innovation District. The Creative Economy Fund rental reduction program intends to provide support to professional and semi-professional organizations that use or wish to use the MAC venues, to bring new cultural offerings to the East Valley and to encourage new partnerships among cultural organizations in the region.

“We are so pleased to offer this mutually beneficial program, which supports organizations bringing valuable and enriching experiences to Valley citizens while offering new events and opportunities to Mesa and the East Valley,” said Mesa’s Director of Arts & Culture, Cindy Ornstein.

The review process is competitive, and applications will be reviewed by a community panel based on criteria outlined in the program guidelines.

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**ABOUT MESA ARTS CENTER**

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning, international award-winning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. The facility is an architectural showpiece and a destination for visitors to the Phoenix area. Mesa Arts Center's mission is to invite all people to create and discover entertaining, challenging and diverse art and arts experiences within joyous, dynamic and welcoming environments. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com).