Today’s Agenda

- Provide background on SGA & our arts & culture work
- Talk about some pandemic responses we’re tracking
- Explain our goals for the initiative
- Help you put together a successful application
Smart Growth America
Improving lives by improving communities

- Transportation
- Land Use & Development
- Economic Development
- Thriving Communities
  - Arts & Culture
  - National Complete Streets Coalition
We envision a country where no matter where you live, or who you are, you can enjoy living in a place that is healthy, prosperous, and resilient.
It’s impacted by where we build communities, the processes we use to make decisions, and the design of the final product.

Smart Growth includes:
• mixed use and mixed income communities
• places that are walkable with multiple transportation options
• places that grow where infrastructure, jobs, development, and services already exist
• places built with equitable processes, investments, and beneficiaries.
SGA’s Arts & Culture team works by:

- **Funding** projects to create exemplary case studies
- **Tracking** creative placemaking projects to communicate their benefit
- **Training** practitioners and connecting peers to expand the field
http://t4america.org/maps-tools/creative-placemaking-field-scan/
Solution #2
Making streets safer for all users

Arts and culture can make streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists by using creative methods to help transportation professionals empathize with all users.
We believe artists are problem solvers, creative thinkers, community leaders, and team members.

Some times that means muralists, but frequently we’re talking about the culture bearers of communities, storytellers, sculptors, writers, videographers, and artists whose work is grounded in their outlook of the world rather than in a specific medium or material.

We care about making our transportation systems safer for our most vulnerable users, and correcting the inequities that have existed in our systems for too long.
Arts & Transportation Rapid Response
Complete Streets + COVID-19

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- Advocacy campaign**
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*24 miles of Oakland streets will close to cars to give pedestrians, bicyclists exercise room during coronavirus stay-home order.
Our goals:

**Short term goals**
- Provide immediate assistance.
- Employ artists.
- Help agencies find artists in their communities.
- Connect pilot projects to community needs and wants.
- Drive equitable decision making and support the needs of the most vulnerable.
- Support projects that reflect communities’ local culture.

**Long term goals**
- Develop relationships between agencies and artists.
- Set the stage for future collaborations.
- Help build support for pilot projects so they become permanent.
If you’re selected, what will you get?

[in other words, how does this work?]

Awardees will receive:

• A stipend in the range of $2,500 - $7,500.
• A match with an artist, who will be paid between $5,000 - $20,000 by SGA to complete the project. The artist will also receive training for SGA and partners.
• Photographic documentation of the project.
• Project management assistance.

How this works:

• SGA will speak with selected jurisdictions to create a project brief, which will be used to select and will then be shared with an artist.
• The artists will be selected by SGA and a national curatorial team.
• The artist will respond with a work plan and budget.
• SGA will then match the artist with the jurisdiction, and provide training to the artist and project management assistance to the team.
Selection criteria:

• Appropriateness of selected challenge or opportunity, and its relationship to the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Level of creativity exhibited by the explanation of how an artist or designer might help.

• Relevance of an artistic intervention to support the selected challenge or opportunity.

• SGA will select cities that represent a diverse range of population sizes, geographic locations, and transportation challenges and opportunities.

• Connection to addressing inequities in transportation.
Eligibility:

- Jurisdictions of any size within the USA are eligible to apply.
- Jurisdictions must apply to work with an artist directly on a COVID-19 related transportation challenge (rather than a transportation challenge that is separate from the pandemic).
- A jurisdiction must be a single government body responsible for overseeing an aspect of their constituency’s transportation (ie a transit agency, a department of transportation, or a department of public works). This includes cities, counties, tribal governments, or regional planning agencies. It also includes organizations that have been authorized to oversee transportation.
Arts & Transportation Rapid Response Application

Sound exciting? Apply today @ www.smartgrowthamerica.org

Arts & Transportation Rapid Response Application

Contact person first name *

Contact person last name *

Contact person email address *

Contact person phone number *

Applying city, town, or county *

State *

Lead agency name *

1) If your application is selected, Smart Growth America will match an artist to your project, based on their skill set, and pay the artist directly for their time and required materials. The selected artist will receive a grant between $5,000 to $20,000 in size. Do you foresee this being an issue with your agency’s internal procurement processes?*

   Yes

   No

2) What is the challenge or opportunity you’re trying to address? How might an artist or a designer help you? (500 words max) *

3) Is there any additional information you’d like us to know about you, your agency, or your proposed project? (250 words max)

4) Do you have agency approval to submit this application and proceed with the project if your application is accepted? *

   Yes

   No

Submit
Deadline: Tuesday, May 26th at 11:59pm ET
Questions?
THANK YOU!

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