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Vision & Purpose
NPN envisions a world in which artists have greater power and resources for self-determined, meaningful, sustainable careers. NPN seeks to build artists’ power and contribute to narrative change by supporting artists in telling and controlling their own stories.

The NPN Documentation & Storytelling Fund aims to support artists’ ability to document, promote, and share their work, ideas, and selves; and to create pathways to new opportunities for career advancement, such as creating work materials for a grant or sharing stories and ideas to develop collaborative relationships.

What Funds Can Be Used For
Our intention is to be flexible to artists’ needs and support diverse ways artists wish to tell their stories. This could include recording, photography, or videography of your work; writing blogs, articles, or essays about your work; putting together a press kit; paying yourself for time needed to document, write, etc. Funds are not limited to projects that have received other NPN support (such as Artist Engagement Funds or Creation & Development Funds). Funds can be paid from NPN to the artist or directly to collaborators such as a videographer or writer.

Who this is For
Artists who have received NPN Artist Engagement Fund and Creation & Development Fund between July 1, 2018 and January 1, 2020 are eligible to apply directly. We welcome proposals from eligible artists of any career stage, though we will give priority to artists who do not already have extensive, current, professional documentation of their work.

Award Amount
Applicants can apply for up to $3,000. No match is required.

Decision Making
NPN will convene a peer panel, who will fund 10 projects. Decisions are not made on grantsmanship and plain language is strongly encouraged. Applicants will be notified by February 28, 2020. The panel will review proposals using the following criteria:

- **Appropriateness:** The project supports the artists’ ability to document, promote, and share their work, ideas, and selves. The artist does not currently have extensive, current, professional documentation of their work.
- **Potential Impact:** The value of this project is transparent and compelling. It has the potential of creating pathways to new opportunities.
- **Feasibility:** The applicant has the ideas, relationships and a plan.

Eligibility
- Projects beginning between January 1 and December 31, 2020
- Artists who have received NPN Artist Engagement Fund and Creation & Development Fund between July 1, 2018 and January 1, 2020
- Artists who do not already have extensive, current, professional documentation of their work
Optional Webinar
NPN will host a webinar to review the basics of the Documentation & Storytelling Fund and field questions via Zoom on January 6, 2020 2:30pm Central. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to nick@npnweb.org by January 3rd.

NPN Documentation & Storytelling Application
Complete application online at https://npnvan.submittable.com/submit/154024/fy20-npn-documentation-storytelling-fund

1) Applicant Info
   a) Name:
   b) Company (if applicable):
   c) Title (if applicable):
   d) Email:
   e) City, State:
   f) Website:

2) Project Information
   b) Project Summary (Brief description of project. 50-word limit)
   d) Project Start Date
   e) Project End Date
   f) Total Project Budget
   g) Total Request Amount

3) Project Description
Describe the documentation/storytelling project: What activities do you plan to undertake? Have you identified collaborators (documenters, writers, community partners, etc.)? If so, please describe. If not, please let us know how you plan to develop these relationships. How does this project expand your practice and your access to opportunities? Why is this important for advancing your work at this time?

4) Project Timeline & Budget
   ● Be sure to include fees to collaborators (if applicable)