

HOUSE LIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

EMPOWERING ARTISTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

OUR MISSION

We train artists for residencies in social and public service organizations, where their unique talents can have unique impacts in our communities.

OUR VISION

Arts as the infrastructure that builds more creative, more connected communities.

IMAGINE

Jorge is a filmmaker, placed in residence at an immigrant rights group. The group is seeking new ways to amplify their members' voices and illuminate their concerns to local leadership. Jorge leads a group in creating a series of short films about their experiences, culminating in a film festival screened at city hall, where local leaders and community members gain new perspectives about their neighbors.

WHAT WE SEE

- Artists struggle to find meaningful ways to use their skills

WHAT WE KNOW

- Social and public service organizations face a critical staffing shortage post-pandemic

WHAT WE'LL DO

- Teach those artists how to use their creative talents in public service in a 10-week intensive training program that combines MPA and MFA training
- Place them in staff roles at public and social service organizations

OUTCOMES

- Fellows amplify the organization's mission, illuminate key issues and engage new populations
- Fellows have an opportunity to use their skills and training in meaningful, paid work
- Fellows form a growing body of artist-leaders building more creative and connected communities

PROGRESS SO FAR

- We've had extensive conversations with experts in the nonprofit, arts, and higher education fields
- We incorporated as a 501(c)3 organization in California
- We ran a pilot version of our program in Delaware, in partnership with Americorps and the Delaware Division of Libraries

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- We are looking for 150k in funding to develop our programming, secure partners, and hire core staff
- We are looking for members for our Advisory Board (supporting promotion and engagement) and our Board of Directors (supporting governance and operations)

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