



AIR Equity: Artist-in-Residence Program Request for Applications

Application Deadline: Friday, September 19, 2025 by 11:59 PM CST

Submission Format: One (1) PDF file emailed to info@chcmissouri.org

Project Period: October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Artist Stipend: \$5,000–\$10,000 + Project & Materials Budget

Contact: info@chcm.org | Subject: AIR Application

Overview:

The AIR of Equity Artist-in-Residence Program is a year-long residency that merges artistic innovation with health equity advocacy, providing an immersive creative platform for artists to collaborate with St. Louis communities affected by health disparities. Hosted by the Community Health Commission of Missouri (CHCM), this program integrates storytelling, visual art, performance, and multimedia to amplify community voices, foster healing, and inspire action toward health justice.

The selected artist will work closely with CHCM staff, community partners, and residents to develop community-centered projects that uplift lived experiences and align with CHCM's mission of building a healthier, more equitable St. Louis region.

Residency Scope and Goals:

Selected artist will:

- Spend 12 months embedded within CHCM (virtually or in-person as needed)
- Host **at least 1 community engagement events** (e.g., storytelling circles, workshops, public installations)
- Collaboratively create one or more artistic works informed by community voices and CHCM's health equity data
- Present a **final public showcase** in June 2026

We encourage applications from artists who:

- Live or work in the St. Louis region (City or County)
- Have a demonstrated commitment to community engagement and/or social practice
- Are open to interdisciplinary collaboration and working with data, stories, or policy frameworks
- Work in any medium: visual art, poetry, theater, multimedia, dance, music, or mixed practice



Submission Requirements

Please email a single **PDF file** with the following:

1. **Artist Contact Info**

Full name, email, phone number, mailing address, and website/socials.

2. **Statement of Intent** (*max 500 words*)

Describe your vision for the residency. How will your artistic practice engage with health justice, storytelling, and community healing? How might you involve community members in your work?

3. **Work Samples**

Include **3 samples** of your artwork (images, video links, or descriptions of public/community-based projects). Indicate your role and the medium used.

4. **Resume or Artist Bio** (*1–2 pages*)

Highlight relevant experience, exhibitions, performances, community collaborations, or residencies.

5. **Optional: Equity Statement** (*optional but encouraged*)

If you have a personal or professional commitment to DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility), please describe how this shows up in your work or community engagement.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance of artistic practice to the themes of health justice and equity
- Demonstrated experience or potential to engage communities in creative processes
- Originality, artistic excellence, and craft of submitted work samples
- Alignment with CHCM's values and approach to storytelling and advocacy
- Added value through interdisciplinary work, identity, lived experience, or unique approach

For more information or to apply, please send questions/application to info@chcmmissouri.org.

For more information on Community Health Commission of Missouri, please visit www.chcmmissouri.org.