

# 2023 Create & Connect Info Session

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**A** Alexander Huaylinos 00:00  
okay, all right. Hi, everyone. Good afternoon on this a lovely spring day. We're gonna get started in a sec. I just wanted to welcome y'all on see all your faces or if you want to be off camera the entire time. That's totally fine. But welcome, welcome. Yes. So I'm going to put up the slides for our sort of info session today. Just to let y'all know once I put up the slides, I will be recording begin recording this session. This session will be recorded and made available after the fact on the laundromat project youtube channel so folks can refer to it in perpetuity. Yeah,

**I** Isa Saldaña 14:22  
Alex, do you want to tell people who you are?

**A** Alexander Huaylinos 14:24  
I was going to do that. I'm always forget that, but sort of just to let everyone know who I am. And I'll say it again after I hit record. I'm Alex oiliness. I am the program's Associate here at the laundromat project and I will be leading today's info session about our Korean connect fund.

**I** Isa Saldaña 14:45  
Awesome and I'm Isa Saldana and I'll say it again to when the recording hits but just wanted to welcome everyone into the space. If you want to drop in the chat how you're doing today. Love to hear where you're joining from if you're on you're in Bed Stuy because I don't know what your what Crashers, you're joining us from today or something like that. Just to get to know is in the space a little bit but because this is going to be recorded and live like Alex said on the YouTube, we will probably mostly focus on the slides, but we'll be in the chat with y'all as needed.

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Alexander Huaylinos 15:24

Awesome and without further ado, I'll begin and screensharing Okay, all right. Let's see. I'm gonna work the record. Okay, Lights Camera Action. Again. Welcome, everybody, to our 2023 Create & Connect Fund info session. My name is Alex Huaylinos. I'm the program's Associate here at the laundromat. Project, and I will be leading today's session

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Isa Saldaña 16:15

Hi everyone, I'm Isa Saldana. I am the Senior Manager of artists and Community Development at the laundromat project and I am just here for support on today's session as well.

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Alexander Huaylinos 16:25

Nice to be here. Thank you, sir. So, if you're here to learn more about our Korean connect fund, micro grant opportunity, you are in the right place. So to start us off, I always love a good agenda, a lot of structure. And so we're going to start off this session with expectations. So today, over the course of this hour, we are going to talk about laundromat project we are and what we do we'll give a brief overview of the Korean connect fund and what it's about. We will review eligibility for potential applicants interested in creating the creating connect fund the timeline of the Korean connect fund and its expectation the the associated expectations, how to apply well we'll run through the Submittable application and we'll also sort of address any questions folks submitted through the Google Form earlier at the end of the session. Yeah, in addition to that, you know, we're also going to sort of clarify a little more cleanly, you know, what we're looking for in terms of potential applicants and then open up the floor for folks who have any additional questions. Okay. So, mission, the laundromat project at the laundromat project, you know, our whole goal is to advance artists and artists and neighbors as change agents in their own communities. We are an arts and community based nonprofit. We are black woman founded POC center a POC focused in our work and we operate primarily in Bed Stuy. So, a little more about the laundromat project. The laundromat project was founded in 2005. We again as I said black root and POC POC centered arts organization. We provide training and resources to artists and activists through a number of different avenues in our programming. Create and connect fund is one of them where we see the creative and civic ideas of folks in our community. And another avenue of that of that is to create change program which fosters the artistry and community building practice of QC artists through our create change, fellowship and create change residency programs. In addition, you know as arts organization, we support public art projects specifically and are primarily interested in issues and projects that tackle topics like food injustice, gentrification and climate change and community safety to name a few. This is not an exhaustive list. Great, and in case you don't know where we're located in Bed Stuy, our addresses 1476 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York zip code 11216. What you see here is an image of our storefront being activated last year in about May 2022. When we sort of let our doors open so to get into the nitty gritty why everyone is here for today's info session. The bedside create and connect fun what is it? Why and how can we sort of collaboratively click create change together? So the break bedside create and connect fund is a community micro grant fund for creative initiatives and projects that are rooted in community foster connections at Ignite conversations and or collaboration. The goal of the bedside Korean connect fund is to support and see the creative ideas and civic actions of

artists, cultural practitioners, community builders, organizers, and makers in Bed Stuy. How will we do this? The laundromat project will do this by providing \$1,000 of micro grant funding towards each awarded project or each successful applicant in the process. We will be we will be funding up to 20 proposals for this 2023 cycle. Eligibility. So at the laundromat project it specifically for this screen connect fund application. Anyone who is a self organized group or collective is eligible eligible to apply for the fund. Organized self organized groups and collectives can include but are not limited to sewing clubs, writers, groups and informal artists collectives. If you are an affiliate or member of a formal organization such as a black association or attendant Association, you are eligible to apply provided you meet the guidelines of course and this gives the same for any other applicants. And of course, individuals who are at least 18 years of age or older living working or otherwise committed to invest in Bed Stuy are also eligible to apply for the create and connect fund proposals. And this is sort of the more important aspect of the eligibility process. proposals must be responsive to or centered within the Bed Stuy neighborhoods and communities. And it must focus on community building community recovery, and collective wellness women the bed within bed size neighborhoods, and you can interpret you know to give more nuanced so that you can interpret community building and community recovery and collective wellness. As you please you can make an argument for it based on how you sort of approach that in your own practice. And also, you are free to sort of engage a community of your choice so long as that community resides within Bed Stuy to clarify that process. Also, you know, in this application, we're really looking for applicants who incorporate elements of art or creativity into their proposed project. Moving on, what is art? Right, I feel like that's, that's a big question that a lot of folks have when applying for this fund. So without further ado, at the laundromat project, we define art as visual media literary and performing arts curation, scholarship, education, healing community organizing cultural additions, productions and practices. So you do not have to consider yourself an artist to apply to create and connect fund. We have a very expansive and broad definition of art. You know, which you can find more so more detail on on our website and on the green connect, fund application, or webpage on the Wonder map project.org website. So you can be a professional artist, you can be a casual artist, right? You can just be someone in the community with a spark of creativity and you want to incorporate some creative aspect to a community project that you're that you would like to see happen in Bed Stuy. As long as there's some kind of element of creativity. You know, it's, it's open to to exploration through the creative connect fund. So we talked about eligibility requirements. What about ineligible projects? So, what the crane connect fund will not support is the solo production of artworks made for a personal practice. The Korean connect fund has a community focused aspect to it so we want to ensure that projects that are being supported, make some kind of community impact within Bed Stuy. Another type of in analogy project would be proposals, no involvement impact or engaging with additional stakeholders or a broader community, which is an iteration of what I just said. And also, you know, projects events and our activities that require admission or participation or participation fee. So we want to open up we want to fund projects that are open to as many people as possible and in our eyes, that means funding projects that do not present a pay barrier. Or a cost barrier to participation. prioritization. So how will we prioritize the the wonderful applications that come through our Submittable so you know, we see this fun decree and connect fun as a way to help counter structural systemic injustice, injustice is in Bed Stuy is an IT is an extension of the larger body of work, that the laundromat project aims to do, you know, in, in advancing change. So, in no particular order, we will premiere prioritize applications from potential applicants who are either born or raised in Bed Stuy, generational Bed Stuy residents and residents who have lived in Bed Stuy for more than 10 years. We will also prioritize application from individuals who identify as black indigenous native and or people of color. We'll prioritize applications from individuals in the disability community, including immunocompromised individuals, as well as individuals who identify as LGBTQIA plus.

So, this is you know, an overview of the applications we we will prioritize in our process, but if you have a really good idea, I still encourage you to apply and and send in your proposal. So how to apply if you've signed up for this webinar, that means you have seen the Korean connect fund webpage on the laundromat project.org within that webpage, and also, as you can see here on this slide, you can submit your applications at the laundromat project.submittable.com where you can find the 2023 Korean connect fund open application and some important dates. Keep in mind through this process this application the application process for Korean connect opened last week on April 10 2023. The applications will close in about a month. On May 4 2023 by 11:59pm and I made sure to include the lump 11:59pm in the slides because the Submittable application is set to automatically close by that time. So if you press enter at 12am It is technically May the 2023 it will not go through Submittable so please be mindful of the tiny get yourself to fill out these applications. And once applications are submitted, you know we will go through and review these applications and announce the award notifications by May 31 2023. So within a month,

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and I'll just add a couple quick notes here about just definitely thinking about getting those applications in on the early side. Applications will close by May 4 at 1159 Eastern time just in case you're applying from somewhere else. But if we receive and this is a rolling application and so if we receive 20 amazing applications like this week, and we decide to award all of those applications at that point, the project will be closing and so definitely the sooner the better. Because it is rolling in that there's more information about what that means on our FAQ is on our web page but essentially we will meet weekly to review the applications that come in each week. And we'll be making decisions across that time period. So definitely encouraging early applications from folks.

A Alexander Huaylinos 29:01

Yeah, the sooner the better. That's the motto. For any application you'll you'll encounter in your creative or community oriented career. Thank you so. So, application review. I am going to switch screens for a bit oops. So right now I'm going to take you to the Submittable page. So we can look at the application overall together. So when you go to laundromat project.submittable.com web page, it'll take you to this landing page page, which gives a more in depth explanation of who laundromat project is and our various programs that we offer throughout the year and as you can see, you know the 2023 create and connect fund is the first application listed over here, here on this immutable page. If you click on it, it will take you to the application which has even more in depth information on requirements, eligibility and things we are looking for in terms of potential applicants and proposed projects. So we have more information about the Korean connect fund here. We have two key dates that were stated a few moments ago. We have in depth guidelines, you know to to facilitate you know the shaping of your proposal as you draft as you draft them and submit them through Submittable. We have selection criteria. And something I want to highlight here and it's selection criteria that if you are selected and awarded the Korean connect fund on projects activities are expected to be developed and installed and performed by the applicant by you independently without production support from the laundromat project. Yep. And eligibility. eligibility is here in case you need to reference it. examples of the types of eligible eligible projects that you know we've hosted in the past are open to are available also available on the Submittable. This is not an

exhaustive list. If you aren't sure whether your project is eligible for the grant connect fund, we are always open to an email and open to discussion. And you can always reach us at community at laundromat project.org with any questions. Yep. And so to go to the application specifically we're going to ask for your address, contact information email phone and then we're going to ask some identifying questions and ask you for more information. On your relationship to Bed Stuy since this is a Bed Stuy focused, micro grant more specific questions on the sort of nature of your project what kind of activation it will be. I'll just select random, random choices I can move on and will ask for your name, identifying information contact information whether you're associated with a collective or another organization or applying individually. I'll ask you how you heard about this opportunity and to sort of submit a short bio about yourself. And you know, we really love to hear sort of how folks learn about this opportunity so you can spread the word with with more efficiency next year and for years to come. Again, you know asking you about you know, why this project is of interest to you and what connection you have to bed Stein what impact it has on the community that you're aiming to sort of engage with within Bed Stuy. And of course, project proposal, what is your project idea? Also something keep a note, you know, within the application, there are word limits there. So you don't have to write an extensively long proposal. And we will of course, ask how the funds will support your project. This isn't an exhaustive list. You don't need to have all sort of all the answers right now, as you're planning logistics for for your potential project or proposal but we just like to have an idea of how the funds will be used. Yeah, and of course, you know, we are very interested in knowing which audience which community are you trying to engage with within Bed Stuy again, you are open to engage a community of your choice so long as it is a community within Bed Stuy, Brooklyn Yep, and of course, we definitely want to know, what is the community impact of your project? Everything in the application, you know, if it has a red star, it means it's required. So I would, you know, pay attention to that and consider and think deeply about how you would like to respond to these types of questions. Yeah, and so those are the sort of general application questions. We'll also sort of ask clarifying questions to determine how we should prioritize your application as I stated a little earlier in our info session. And some optional demographic questions. If you were still willing, so we can measure our own sort of reach and impact as well with in terms of folks who are applying to Korean connect fund. Yeah, and that's the sort of whole of the application on Submittable. Once you have everything drafted, I I strongly recommend you draft your responses to the application questions either on Google Docs or on word so you have a copy of it. You can then copy paste them into the form fields here on Submittable. And then, once you have all those answers, good and ready, you can hit apply, I want to hit Apply now because then it'll actually submit something. But that is the laundromat project Submittable application process. So returning to our slideshow what are we looking for? In terms of potential applicants? So key things to keep in mind as you develop your Korean connect fund proposal, where we're looking for projects that are feasible, meaning projects that can happen within one year of the disbursement of the funds we're looking for projects that have a clearer idea of of what they're trying to do, the folks that they're trying to engage with and the the impact they want to bring to Bed Stuy and its communities. You know, we looking for we're looking for proposals and applications that are specific with the communities and audiences they aim to engage with. And, of course, you know, the, the entire point of the Korean connect fund is to see, you know, the idea of seed ideas that bring community building to the forefront of Bed Stuy that facilitate community connections, through civic practice through artistic engagement through creative ideas. So relationship building is something we'll definitely be definitely be on the lookout for. As we review the green connect fund applications, community and cultural impact, you know, we want to know what you're thinking of in terms of the impact you're going to you're trying to create in bedside through your proposed project, but you know, even long term as well sort of how you see this project, facilitating your own sort of larger body of work and practice. You know, we're interested in

projects that are responsive and accountable to community rhythms. And to explain that a little bit more. You know, we're really interested in folks that have their ears to the ground, that are really sort of working in the weeds on the front lines in the community in Bed Stuy, and that are proposing projects that are directly responding to certain community, community interests. And, you know, as I said a little earlier in our info session, we're really interested in projects that are focused on community collective Wellness Resilience for recovery. Again, you are free to sort of interpret those words as phrases as you see fit as long as you can make an argument for it within your proposal. And lastly, but not least, you know, we're looking for proposals that are intentional, that are thoughtful, that, you know, really keep collaboration and engagement with the community in mind, within their project. Yeah, so now moving into the sort of question and answer portion of our info session. A few of you here today submitted some questions ahead of time, and I would like to take a moment to address them. Yes, I do read the Google Forms. So thank you to anyone who submitted questions, they're very helpful. So first question here. Can awardees borrow supplies from the laundromat project, folding tables being an example. So as mentioned earlier, if you are awarded the micro grant the Korean connect fund micro grant, the expectation is that the laundromat project will not provide the providing youth any additional production support. So the answer to this question is not typically, the funds are inclusive of production supplies and material costs. We expect you to sort of develop these independently of the laundromat project. Well, we'll fork over the dough, but you know, the rest is in your hands, so to speak. However, you know, depending on the nature of your project and what you're trying to do. We are open to opportunities for collaboration and we will assess that on a case by case basis. So if this is something that you are looking for, from the laundromat project, I would encourage you to sort of touch upon it a bit within your application. If you have this sort of expectation of us because this is our expectation right here. So the next question, are there any limitations on what can be purchased with the Korean connect fund? So the funds \$1,000 Micro grant can be used for any aspect of the order proposal, including fees for commissions for external labor artists compensation for anyone your partner with your own labor costs, right? User to get paid to production costs and supply costs. So if we so as long as it's relevant to the scope of your project you know, there aren't many limitations on how you can use the funds. It just needs to be relevant to the execution and production of your project. And if you have any specific questions about that, you can always reach out to us as well. So the next question Oh, you said you'd like to say something?

**I** Isa Saldaña 41:05

Yeah. Before just before we move on. I saw in the chat that Miss Yun was the one who asked Hi there about the borrowing of supplies or using the LP space which Alex answered, but I just want to double click on that for one second and go a little bit deeper to share that. We are really interested in activating other parts of the neighborhood that are not necessarily the LP space, there might be just a perfect alignment and so that's why we don't want to rule it out entirely, where it just makes sense. To have it in our storefront space on Fulton. In which case of course if we were having the event here, some of our supplies would be up for us such as tables, and chairs. But this is really this create and connect fund is really about connecting with the bedside neighborhood beyond the places that the LP is already connected, or already situated. And so we would really like to see proposals that are looking beyond our space, but we also understand that space is a limited resource in Brooklyn, and in Bed Stuy. And so if it's for some folks, it may not be possible, or they might they might not have a place that makes sense other than the LP in which case, feel free to include that information in your application. I hope that helps answer the question a little bit more fully and go ahead, Alex with the next set. I know. That's

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Alexander Huaylinos 42:38

yeah, we're almost to the end. And then we'll we'll sort of just give folks a sense of time. We'll leave the latter half hour of the session open for discussion for any other questions that came up during this presentation. But thank you, Isa, for uplifting the chat. I didn't I didn't get the ping on my Zoom. I don't know what happened. But yes. The next question can the Korean connect fund be used to support block parties and cultural festivals provide their arts activities that foster community engagement in connection? The answer to that question is yes, the fund can support arts and cultural festivals including artmaking and block parties, wherever all of our criteria listed and associated with the Korean connection application must be met. So festival should not include an admission fee or at the very least, the funds should not be used should only be used for activities that are free to the public, right if there's some component of the block party or cultural festival that that requires admission, then it's a little bit tricky, but you know, we really only want to sort of support applications that that are free to the public, or you know that the funded activity is free to the public. So moving on a little bit. Um, can the Korean connect fund support school program for middle school and high school aged kids in Bed Stuy? The answer to that is yes. However, a priority will be given to development of new projects within a person within a program an existing program or continuing program, as well as informal groups who have less access to funding sources. So if you are sort of applying as part of a school you're applying, technically as part of an existing organization and we are really trying to diversify the types of projects and folks in the community we support with this with this micro grant opportunity I'm so preference will be given to new projects or new iterations of projects within existing programs. So, next question once selected for the create and connect fund How long will it take to receive your funds? Which is important question. I'm sure that's like a burning question in everyone's mind. When am I gonna get my money? Right? When am I gonna get my money? So you will receive funding about a month after receiving acceptance send following disbursement of funded projects going to disbursement funded project should occur within the next year so by May 31 2024. And yeah, so the expectation with acceptance of the Korean connect fund is that projects happen within the next year. Next question, if I applied last year and was awarded the Create & Connect Fund can I reapply? So this year the Create & Connect Fund is specifically open to community members folks that have not previously engaged with laundromat project. If you are previously awarded the Create & Connect Fund you should apply for the Create and Reconnect Fund which is a similar micro grant opportunity made available specifically for our alumni, folks in the watermark projects, alumni network folks that we worked with previously in past programs. The exception to this rule is applicants who apply as part of a new collective undertaking a new project. So if you are applying, you have a separate group of people or you have a different filiation this time around. And it's a it's a brand new project as opposed to the project you you were funded for previously, then you can apply to the Create & Connect Fund. And I'm going to pause for a moment I see in the chat. Someone said they missed the last point in high school junior high programs. So to reiterate the answer to that question on Yes, the green connect fund can support school programs for middle school and high school aged kids and Bed Stuy whatever as I said previously, priority will be given to the development of new projects within an existing program. So we're really again trying to see and find projects that are new, right that bring something new to the community and this is the last slide of q&a as I promised before we get into our open discussion is a detailed budget required in the crane connect fund application? Answer that is no. We do not require applicants to submit a budget in depth. We don't keep tabs on how you use the funds in depth once they're awarded. However, it is always helpful to in the selection process. If you have a budget then can highlight how you will implement your

proposed project and how that project will be made effective through the use of these funds. So it's not required but it's always a nice little add on to your proposal. For the proposed project, and event in the application, is there a minimum number of participants that are required to participate? Nope, we do not require a minimum number of participants. However, again, we emphasize that the event be open to the public and free. And last question is laundromat project open to funding a program that has also received over funding from other grants? Yes, we're not sticklers about that. We realize that it can be hard to come by grant funding. So yes, we we are open to supporting projects that are receiving additional support from other grant opportunities. And now we'll move into sort of the open discussion portion of this info session. If you need to leave early or you have any specific questions you'd like to discuss after the fact or in private, you can email us at community at laundromat project.org You can also call us at 718-574-0798 so feel free to take that email down take that number down. If you'd like to contact us later this information is also available in the green connect fund webpage on laundromat project dotwork website and I thank you for your time I'm going to stop screen sharing so I can see all of your wonderful faces and address any specific questions that you may have. Yeah, and if you are comfortable, you'll free to sort of unmute yourself and speak your question. If you're you can keep your camera on keep your camera off. You can also submit questions in the chat and we'll address them but yes, I see someone has is eager to ask a question. Slow last.



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Hi. I've enjoyed the presentation. It's beautiful to hear about the worth of the creating Connect. I'm just really loving everything I'm hearing. Question though when we went over when you went over the application itself. There were questions about education level ethnicity and things of that sort. So my question is if we applying for group for our group that can be varied. Are we answering that question as the person who was actually submitting the application? Are we answering it in terms of the group because our group is very diverse?

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Alexander Huaylinos 50:32

Yeah, um, so I know you say you look like you want to say something?

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Isa Saldaña 50:39

Sure. Um, that's a great question. Thanks, Lisa. Thank you. And so we asked that so just to be clear, the demographics questions that are at the very end of the application. Those are optional. So just so everyone knows that does not that's not required to be filled out. I would recommend that either you go with a sort of general answer for like what what is true, the most for the most part across your group or go with the person who is actually filling out the application on behalf of the group that information is not shared anywhere, it has no effect on your application. It's completely separated out from the application. So there's, there's no concern there if your group has variations from what's submitted there. But what I will say is on the eligibility form, which is the first form that will pop up when you click, there are questions that might be different answers for different group members. So for example, it says, What's your relationship to Bed Stuy? Well, maybe nine people have a 10 person group nine people in your group are born and bred in Bed Stuy, and one person in your group just moved here. Six



months ago, you you don't have to disclose all of that. You can say like born and bred in Bed Stuy, just go with what seems what feels true and is most consistently true across your group for those eligibility questions and for those priority questions that are in the application. Thank you.



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Thank you. Thank you. That was great. Thanks. Yeah.



Isa Saldaña 52:14

And I see Miss Bell has a question too.



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Hi, good afternoon. Again. I also would like to say that was a great presentation. I'm really happy that I joined. My question is, let's say that you have a project are you open to collaborating with public sectors outside of like the DoD or let's say the de Wicd, maybe something like a garden or maybe even in the public library? Is that possible?



Alexander Huaylinos 52:43

Yes, absolutely. So we have a very sort of it's in our list of like, project examples are eligible project examples. We do mention that we're open to collaborations with entities like community gardens, right community gardens, being an extension of the parks department, but also operated on a voluntary basis by members in the community. So to answer your question, yes, we are open to collaboration with gardens with libraries that fit the other criteria mentioned in the Create & Connect Fund application.



Isa Saldaña 53:18

And I wouldn't even say we encourage it, we encourage you to activate additional spaces, especially public spaces, in Bed Stuy, that that's something we're really looking for. And I'll also share that though we are really interested in something that is bringing something new to the neighborhood that's filling a need that hasn't been met yet. Which Alex lifted up when we were talking about school groups earlier. I will say we also recognize that a lot of projects have been going on for a long time and haven't got the funding that they deserve or need to keep going. And so we're there's definitely a space for projects that have been existing, just sort of interested in like, what what some what is something new you might want to bring to the project like how can the \$1,000 help you accomplish something that maybe was in the plans for a long time but just couldn't happen? Because the funding wasn't there, let us know that element so that we can really see you know, how how this micro grant is supporting community members and projects. So that's all I'll add about that. Does that answer your question? Miss Bell?



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Yes, thank you.

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Alexander Huaylinos 54:39

Yeah. And we will be reading all the applications it's not going to go through like an automated system and then be sorted out, you know, without any kind of human interaction. So if you make a case and explain your project Well, again, we're looking for clarity. You know, we'll definitely consider it. Awesome. Does anyone else have any, any questions and again, feel free to type in the chat. And if you're comfortable coming off, mute you you're welcome to come up and ask a question as well.

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Isa Saldaña 55:29

Just I see you have a question that was sent to me in the chat. Is it a question that I can answer generally or would you like me to respond to you specifically in the chat? Okay. Ana, yes, this recording will be available later on the LP page and anyone who's registered will be receiving the recording link in case there's something you want to go back to. And I will read Jesses note in the chat. Thank you isa Alex and LP for helpful webinars seminar. We appreciate you. We appreciate you too. And everyone who's here working at the Concord house, a transitional shelter in the Bronx, and supporting an artist who lives and is born and raised from Bed Stuy. Can we give the artist support with resources? And so yes, I will say like, if you just because you're on the call, doesn't mean you're the only one who might be interested in applying. You might know someone through your work through your community who might also be eligible, even if you aren't eligible for whatever reason, please do share this opportunity with them and you can help someone else apply. We recognize that not everyone who would benefit from this funding has the capacity skills, access to internet etc to be able to fill out the application on their own. And so not only are we a resource to help with filling out applications, if there's someone that you're thinking could benefit from this that you could help fill out an application you are welcome. To do that. Please just note it somewhere on the form and make sure that the person that we would be getting in contact with to notify about the award is a person that we can get in touch with and make sure that we get the funding to the right person. So I'll just say that please feel free to help each other out. That's what community is all about. So feel free to help someone else with an application. Just make sure of course, that you've gotten their consent. They know you're doing this. They want it. They're asking for your help and that you're not sort of we don't really want to operate on a charity model where we're just thinking, Oh, I'm going to put someone else up for this without talking to them first. So I'll just give that caveat. Yeah, great. Jess, thanks for asking your question. I think

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Alexander Huaylinos 58:04

it's a little something I wanted to add on. If you need individualized support with your application for any reason, um, you can always reach out to us by email at [community@laundromatproject.org](mailto:community@laundromatproject.org) and we can set up you know, private appointment private meeting to discuss any Ferber questions you might have, you know, help you to sort of review drafts of

your application even. And, you know, support you fully as fully as we can at least throughout the application process. Because we are we are people focused we are a people focused organization, community focused organization. So, we will definitely respond if you need help with those kinds of tasks. And something I also just wanted to uplift that it's mentioned in the chat a little earlier. On Thursday, April 27, from five to 7pm. We'll be hosting open hours for an application assistance session, where folks are welcome to to come in to our storefront at 1476 Fulton Street to receive in person one on one support with their application. Yeah, so if you are still in need of help by by the 27th of April, you're welcome to come on down to the LP storefront and if that time doesn't work again, you can always reach out to us via email community at laundromat project.org and set up a private appointment so I see another question in the chat that I'll read out since it's a direct message to me. So, question, are you required to have a tax exemption capacity or are they required to have a current organized bank or credit union account? So on turn in terms of tax exemption, this this fund is taxable, just to let you know, so that's something to consider in terms of how you use the funds um, since this amount is taxable should you know mention that to your accountant. At some point maybe save a little bit off the top to go towards that. That fee come come tax season next year. And Miss I believe Miss Myskina McPherson is the one who asked that question. I don't know if if I answered your question fully. If you'd like to expand on it, you're welcome to. Yeah, and another note, just sort of on payment, and how we sort of disburse the funds for the Korean connect fund. You know, we can disperse the funds via Zell by a direct transfer ACH. We can disperse the funds via PayPal. These options are listed in the FAQ section of our website under 2020 recurring connect fun page. But we're also open to sort of other sort of modes of disbursement as well, provided we have enough time to figure out if we have an account that can get that can support that support that disbursement need.

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And as we move further along into the process, it might come up that you want to you might be finding a partner organization that you're creating your proposal with. Perhaps that organization is you know, a 5013 c three, maybe they can accept the award on your behalf as a sort of fiscal conduit. So there are different you know, workarounds there if there is a concern at all about how the funds are dispersed, and that's definitely something that we can connect with. In a private appointment or at our five 7pm on the 27th. So that's not this Thursday, but next Thursday. at that session, we can sort of get more into your project your details and figure out whether that's an option that makes sense for you because of tax or finance purposes. I know sometimes folks don't have the documentation that they would need to receive funds, for example, through an ACH payment. So we are definitely open to trying to make this as accessible as possible, and we'll work with y'all to figure out what we can do if your application is awarded. So it's thrown that out there.

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Yeah. And to anyone that gets selected and awarded the Korean connect fund. You can email unless like a year from now, like when it comes to that that point. We're not going to ignore your email or Stonewall you or anything like that, because you know, we're expecting this product is developed independently of us. You know, we're here to help you in your process. And you know, in working with community sometimes that means answering questions around

like how to how to navigate like new grants come tax season. So we're very much so welcome anyone who has questions further down the line. Any questions in the future? Post maybe post the grant application award. Awesome. Does anyone else

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have a question in the chat if you if your group doesn't have a 501 C? Are you eligible? You have a tax ID Yes, you are eligible. You do not need to be a nonprofit. You can be an individual and still be eligible for this award. And I'll also say that, even if, you know we have a nice full Zoom Room here today, we've already got some applications rolling in. Excuse me, at this point. We do only have 20 awards, but that doesn't mean that you know, just because you weren't worded this time that we don't want to work with you or support your project. So please do get to know us come by for the five to 7pm session even if you can only stay for 10 minutes. It's not we're just it's just open hours. Excuse me. For us to meet you get to know about your project and figure out how we can support you This is just one offering of the LP has which is more of a financial offering. But we also have other resources we have time we have space that we can definitely talk about how we can support your work.


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Yeah. And to add on to that, um, there was a Korean connect fund applicant in our network, who did not get a word of the fund, who had applied I think once or twice previously, but then within the past couple of months we engage them and in support of their work, right, we produced a public program. I'm celebrating their their own artistry providing space for them to conduct an artist's talk and show their own work. So as you said, there are many the Korean connect fund is one touch point between all of you all here today and the laundromat project we are open to other sort of modes of collaboration. All but of course, all of that begins with a discussion. So if there's something you're really sort of passionate about interested in sort of producing for Bed Stuy and you don't get awarded the application. That doesn't mean we can't work together in the future. Right. It has definitely happened before. Yeah, and I see some folks have to hop off soon. So I'm going to make a last call for any questions. Does anyone have any sort of last minute questions for this for our info session today? And I'll give it a moment in case anyone's typing in in the chat. But, you know, to reiterate, if you have any further questions, maybe you need a moment to digest all of this information to review the application again in depth. Feel free to reach out to us via email coming to laundromat project or feel free to call us feel free to even stop by our storefront if you're in the neighborhood


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thank you all so much. It was great to be here with you. Definitely recommend taking a look at the application if you are coming to the five to 7pm hours next Thursday on the 27th that that's really going to be a great time for us to get into your you know your questions that are more like oh, I wrote this paragraph like does this explain this properly? Like we're really can like actually get in there and workshop with you. So if you can prepare and I know life happens, we're all busy. Maybe you can't that's totally cool. We're still gonna welcome you in and get what we can get done. But I definitely encourage you if you can come prepared with some

ideas. If you are someone who might need help typing or need access to the internet, you can just come during that time and just work using our internet. There's lots of different options. So just sharing that with you. Yes, thank

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you. Thank you and singing. Everyone's saying thank you in the chat. I suppose this is our closing moment for our session here today. Again, thank you all for coming for signing up for telling us all about your wonderful project proposals for your Create & Connect Fund application, we're looking forward to reviewing them and we hope to reach out soon with with notifications. So thank you again

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