Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture – Value Statement on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture acknowledges that an increasing number of people and organizations use Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their proposals and grant applications. Some artists use AI in varying degrees in their direct work, including but not limited to, generating project renderings, organizing project timelines, translating proposals into "grant-speak," and drafting ideas.

Additionally, there are artists who use AI to interrogate the role of it in our lives and work.

As an arts funder and supporter of artists and arts and culture organizations, the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture centers the human experience in artmaking. We encourage artists who apply to our grants, RFPs, and RFQs, to not over-rely on AI tools to create or communicate their work and lens as artists. For the purpose of consistent and ethical decision-making, if you use AI in your artist proposals, please do so both *thoughtfully and sparingly,* as well as review and edit the AI narrative to ensure it's in your voice and tone. We are interested in *your ideas, your creations, and how you critically engage* your artwork.

2026 ARTISTS TO WORK AI GUIDELINES

Generally, we do not accept:
- AI-generated or augmented visual/image work samples
- AI-generated or augmented literary work samples (e.g. poems, manuscript samples, scripts, etc.)
- AI-generated or augmented scripts within performance/theatrical work samples
- AI-generated or augmented lyrics, music, compositions, etc. within music samples
- Proposals that will use AI generation or augmentation

Exceptions*
- AI-generated or augmented work samples and/or proposals from artists whose work has been and continues to be interrogative of AI and its uses.
- Experimental work samples and/or proposals that employ AI as a meaningful and strategic component in the artist's work.

*Applicants will be asked to articulate in an **additional narrative question** how and why they employ AI in their application's work samples and/or proposed project.

For grant application narrative questions: Remember that you can share your grant drafts with our staff, and we will provide feedback based on our knowledge of best practices.

Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture Disclosure
The Phoenix Arts and Culture staff will be transparent about their own use of AI. Currently, some staff use it to assist in generating outlines for projects (CoP-approved Microsoft Co-Pilot) and assessing audience engagement with public art. AI is not used in crafting guidelines or in communicating with residents and community members. We also do not allow panelists to use AI when reviewing applicant narrative responses or work samples.