

Arts & Culture

<p>Are media arts included in the initiatives?</p>	<p>The goals and objectives in We Will Chicago do not name specific mediums. However, media arts (and artists) are certainly part of our understanding of the sector. The artist-organizer events planned for Summer 2022 will include a range of disciplines.</p>
<p>Will there be any changes or adjustments to zoning? Could the City create “creative entrepreneurial enterprise zones” that ease zoning restrictions?</p>	<p>There are no specific zoning changes or adjustments recommended as part of We Will Chicago. Future neighborhood plans or zoning code updates should align with the We Will Chicago framework. If adopted by the Chicago Plan Commission, future large development projects can be evaluated through the lens of the We Will Chicago goals.</p>
<p>How does the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events support emerging artists and new non-profits apply for grants? This is a barrier for a lot of applicants in my community, and we would benefit from understanding what grants to target and how to submit effective applications.</p>	<p>The DCASE grants team can answer questions about program fit and application elements. Their contact information is culturalgrantmaking@cityofchicago.org, and more information is available here: https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/culgrants.html</p>
<p>Has We Will Chicago engaged musicians to provide them an opportunity to inform your team about the best programs to assist them and keep them employed?</p>	<p>DCASE hosted a convening on June 27, 2022 for the performing arts community to share their immediate needs and determine next steps for support. We hope artists from across Chicago will provide input on the We Will Draft this summer and fall to further refine the plan.</p>
<p>We're an Arts organization, and are finding difficulty getting projects through the department of planning/zoning. Who can help?</p>	<p>Please contact the Department of Planning and Development at DPD@cityofchicago.org</p>
<p>How will this pillar be funded in comparison to the other pillars? Will they be equally funded?</p>	<p>We Will Chicago does not allocate any funds. The plan is a framework to help City government make decisions moving forward, and may be used to help guide funding priorities in the future.</p>
<p>What guidelines does a city use to identify disparities specifically within the arts and culture sector to allow proper/equitable allocation of funds and federal resources?</p>	<p>The data and metrics that informed the Arts & Culture research team can be found in the pillar report, available here: https://wewillchicago.com/arts-and-culture</p>
<p>The Chicago Independent Venue League works with hundreds of artists and musicians who would be helpful in getting the word out about the Plan. It is an opportunity to hear from working Chicago musicians. You should also contact local record labels such as Sooper Records and Thrill Jockey.</p>	<p>There will be additional opportunities to engage with We Will Chicago to shape the final plan, including surveys, in-person, and virtual events. Find more information here: https://wewillchicago.com/calendar</p>