

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FEAST at VisArts 2012

FEAST at VisArts (**Funding Emerging Art with Sustainable Tactics**) hopes to develop a bridge between artists and the community. FEAST is a public dinner designed to use community-driven financial support to democratically fund new and emerging art makers. The first FEAST at VisArts will take place on March 24, 2012 in the Gibbs Street Gallery in Rockville, Maryland. Patrons will give a \$30 donation for which they receive supper and a ballot. Diners spend the evening reviewing a series of project proposals and conversing with the artists behind each idea. Attendees cast a vote for their favorite proposal, and by the end of the night, the artist who garners the most votes is awarded a grant comprised of that evening's door money

FEAST at VisArts invites artists, thinkers, and organizations to submit proposals for funding for up to \$1,000. Project proposals will address the theme of **Sustainability**. The deadline for applications is midnight on Friday, March 9, 2012.

FEAST at VisArts is based on FEAST Brooklyn's (www.feastinbklyn.org) model for sustaining artist projects directly through community participation. If you are not familiar with FEAST — please read FEAST Brooklyn's [about page](#). Another great resource: sundaysoup.org

Plan now to participate in FEAST at VisArts. We look forward to reviewing your proposals!

How to Submit a Proposal

Deadline: March 9, 2012 Midnight

EMAIL APPLICATIONS ONLY- E-mail your proposal to: smain@visartscenter.org

Subject: FEAST PROPOSAL

Theme: **SUSTAINABILITY**

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Sustainability creates and maintains the conditions for balance between human life and the natural environment. The time frame includes the present moment and the future. What do we sustain and how do we sustain it? What is essential to our community? How do we sustain without social and ecologic injustice? What actions, events, and or innovations might encourage sustainable thinking? Are there poetic gestures that reveal our connections to and impact on places, resources, energy, and practices? What does a viable, equitable partnership between the economy, society and the environment look like, sound like or taste like? For FEAST, we are seeking projects that directly or indirectly speak to sustainability whether literally or figuratively.

Projects that may receive funding represent a diverse cross section of contemporary artistic and social practices. From urban gardens to community soundscapes, public sculptures to performances, no project or medium is incongruous with FEAST. Projects can address any issues tied to sustainability including but not limited to: food, transportation, housing, impact, resources, planning, quality of life, recycling, work practices, art and cultural production, ethical

consumption, environmental and resource management... We encourage artists to think outside their everyday practice and produce work that speaks to the community.

Application content must include answers to all of the following questions:

Title: What is your project's name?

Summary: Describe your project in **250 words or less**. Include statements on:

- What will the FEAST funds be used for?
- How will this project be implemented?
- How does the project address the theme of Sustainability?
- What is the community you are addressing? What is the community significance of your project?

One sentence each:

FEAST Funding Request: How much will you need to do this (up to \$1000)?

Project Budget: If your project costs are greater than what you have requested, please briefly state how you will be able to implement your project.

Timeframe: How long is this project going to take?

Location: Where will this take place?

Attach one image (300 dpi, no larger than 2 MB) and any relevant URLs. Please include a description of the image.

Proposals are evaluated on these terms:

- Artistic Innovation
- Community Impact
- Feasibility
- Proposal clarity and content

Please note:

Only complete proposals will be reviewed.

Only finalists will be invited to the FEAST.

All applicants will be notified by Friday, March 16 if they are finalists.

Artists who submit proposals must be present at the March 24th FEAST to be eligible to appear on the ballot.

Should you win a FEAST grant, you must attend the following FEAST to discuss the progress of your project.

Questions or advice: Feel free to contact smain@visartscenter.org