

## Fulcrum Fund set to offer grants to artists



Guest jurors Al Miner, Joey Reyes and Romi Crawford

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SANTA FE, N.M. — As the arts community grows in Albuquerque, so does the city's profile. And the Andy Warhol Foundation is taking notice.

The foundation, named after the legendary artist, sought out 516 Arts to help benefit artists. 516 Arts is part of the Regional Regranting Program, which has been named the Fulcrum Fund. The collaboration makes Albuquerque one of 10 cities in the country participating.

Applicants were from an 80-mile radius around Albuquerque, including Santa Fe, Jemez, Torreon, Los Lunas, Madrid, Ribera, Glorieta and Los Ranchos.

The fund will provide grants of \$2,000 to \$5,000 totalling \$50,000 in the first year.

Suzanne Sarge, executive director of 516 Arts, says the Fulcrum Fund will serve as a support structure to enable artists to expand existing work and pivot in new directions.

She says it will be a springboard for artistic processes that are adventurous, experimental and forward-thinking, while celebrating projects that don't fit into the traditional museum and gallery systems.

"The funds are set more like seed money," she says. "There are many projects that need a little money to get things on track."

Sarge says the funds are available to foster the development and presentation of artist-led projects and programs that are direct, accessible and open to the public.

Funded activities may include a new exhibition or exhibition series, the ongoing work of an arts venue or collective, a public art project, a one-time event or performance, publications directly related

to the visual arts, an online project, an artist residency, a series of film screenings and more. "The funds are there for artists who are working together in new ways," she says.

The deadline to submit an application is June 14. The grants are available to artists within an 80-mile radius of Albuquerque.

"We're hoping that this can move statewide," Sarge says. Given that 516 Arts is local, the jurors selected to award the funding aren't from New Mexico.

The jurors are:

Romi Crawford, Associate Professor in Visual and Critical Studies and Liberal Arts at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Al Miner, Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where he has curated numerous exhibitions; Joey Reyes, Curator of Engagement & Dialogue at Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana in San Jose.

There will be an information session at 2 p.m. April 30, in Santa Fe. More sessions will be added if the public wants more, Sarge says.

For more information, visit [516arts.org/fulcrumfund](http://516arts.org/fulcrumfund).