

Metro Arts FY26 Engagement Period – Pre-Guidelines Approval

Metro Arts will move quickly into discussions and planning for the next grant cycle for FY26. We do this while acknowledging a few important points:

- FY25 grantees will not have received payment yet for their recently authorized grants.
- We want to start engagement for the next cycle to prevent further delays for the next round.
- If the goal is to prevent further delays for FY26, then we are only able to engage on changes around the edges – things that can be adjusted in the next 4-6 weeks without requiring extensive rounds of revisions and feedback cycles.

Engagement events will facilitate space for getting/giving clarity on FY25, discussing what is possible for FY26, and knowing that larger changes will be deferred to FY27.

Proposed engagement methods:

- Online survey
- Director’s weekly coffee/drop in at rotating locations (weekly April – May)
- 5 engagement events between April 10 – 25
- Quarterly town halls thereafter

Engagement Events

Date	Type	Location
Thursday, April 10 6-7:30pm	General/Overall – Operating and Thrive	Studio 615 272 Broadmoor Drive
Tuesday, April 15 6:30pm-8pm (dinner served before, as community building opportunity)	Thrive focused	Trinity Community Commons
Wednesday, April 16, 10am – 11:30am	Operating focused	Centennial Arts Center
Monday, April 21, 3pm - 5pm	General/Overall -- Operating and Thrive	100 Taylor Arts
Thursday, April 24, 5pm– 6:30pm	General/Overall -- Operating and Thrive	Virtual

Engagement events will cover:

- Overview of where we are and the funding models that we are starting from
- Opportunities for adjustments (this is not an exhaustive list):
 - Operating: Budget tiers, percentages, budget measures between categories, allocations to categories
 - Thrive: Guidance and support for fiscal sponsorship, underrepresented council districts
 - Both/overall: Distribution between Thrive and Operating, dual eligibility for small orgs, scoring, application and reporting

Ashley's Weekly Director Drop In

Date	Time	Locations
Wednesday, April 9	8am – 10am	Red Bicycle (2190 Nolensville)
Tuesday, April 15	7:30am – 9:30am	Cafe at Thistle Farms (5122 Charlotte)
Monday, April 24	3pm – 5pm	Bongo East (107 S 11 th)
Tuesday, April 29	4pm – 6pm	Nashville Farmers Market
Thursday, May 8	8am – 10am	
Wednesday, May 14	3pm – 5pm	
Wednesday, May 21	4pm – 6pm	
Thursday, May 29	8am – 10am	