FAQ: HIRING AN ARTIST SUPPORT SERVICE PROFESSIONAL

WHO CAN HIRE AN ARTIST SUPPORT SERVICE PROFESSIONAL?

Individual artists not affiliated with nonprofit organizations, and looking for support services and professional development resources that go beyond simply writing grants — this may include creating social media campaigns and strategies, public relations work, website management, applying for funding opportunities, seeking representation, consulting, strategizing, and figuring out how all of these pieces fit together.

For a list of consultants working with 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, or for a list of grantwriters who work with 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, see here.

WHAT SHOULD I PREPARE WHEN MEETING WITH AN ARTIST SUPPORT SERVICE PROFESSIONAL?

You should also be sure to have the following:

- an intended outcome
- an idea of some benchmarks for success (financial, artistic, etc.)
- a timeline
- a rough budget

DO I NEED VISUAL MATERIALS TO PRESENT TO THE CONSULTANT?

If you have an up-to-date website, this is be a great place to start. You should also have a brief project description, a resume, work samples, press reviews or video links just to give the consultant a sense of your background.