

Forest Island Project

Multi-Year Measure U Programming

FY 2019/2020

FY 2020/2021

FY2021/2022

Multi-Year Program Funding Ask:

FY 19/20 Ask: \$20,000.00

FY 20/21 Ask: \$20,000.00

FY 21/22 Ask: \$20,000.00

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Measure R & U Allocation Application

Type of Request	Programming
Name of the Organization, Lead Agency, or Individual	Forest Island Project, with the support of Mammoth Lakes Foundation
Name of the Program or Project:	Forest Island Residency
Purpose of the proposed Program or Project and include a detailed schedule with a timeline, dates, programs and venue:	<p>The Forest Island Residency is a program whose mission is to bring new experiences of artistic and creative culture to residents and visitors of Mammoth Lakes. This one-month long program for cultural innovators (3 per session) is to take place twice yearly during shoulder seasons - once in spring (May) and once in fall (October). The FI Residency is currently supported by Mammoth Lakes Foundation with accommodations and studio workspace provided by the program partners Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and The Sierra Center Mall respectively. Each residency session incorporates a number of events which include a Meet & Greet, High School field trips / class room visits, Open Studios, Moderated Panel Discussion and Closing Reception. Events are free and open to the public/all residents of Mammoth Lakes to encourage engagement with the ideas and concepts explored within each residency session. Work that results from the sessions will be folded back in to additional local public programming and events.</p>

What are your stated goals of the project, as aligned with the Allocation Broad Objective?

The Forest Island Residency brings nationally/internationally recognized art world figures and cultural innovators to Mammoth Lakes as Forest Island Resident Fellows to develop the presence of a new level of experimental art production and critical dialogue in the region.

The program and its associated events are crafted to foster connections between the local community and these intellectual creative practitioners.

The curation and content of the program is informed by an advisory board comprised of highly reputable Mammoth Lakes and Los Angeles based creative professionals.

Events associated with the program (Meet & Greet, Open Studios, High school fields trips, Panel Discussion, etc) provide our local Mammoth Lakes residents, along with visitors, new opportunities for engagement with international level contemporary art practices and cultural discourses. The internal field trip to a local site of intellectual or cultural significance (organized specifically for the Residents) along with Forest Island programming pursuits in Los Angeles and elsewhere provide opportunities for Mammoth to develop its reputation as a cultural center and cultivate relationships with regional and external culturally significant institutions.

The Forest Island Project promotes the cultivation of partnerships with other stakeholders (currently Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, The Sierra Center Mall and Mammoth Lakes Foundation) to foster a model of cooperative innovation for community betterment and quality of life enhancement.

Total amount of funding requested for one or multiple years:

60000

Is this a one-time funding request or on-going?

Multi-year funding

If this is a multi-year request, please provide a timeline for the funding you are requesting.	<p>FY 19/20 - Two sessions with all associated events in Fall and Spring</p> <p>FY 20/21 - Two sessions with all associated events in Fall and Spring</p> <p>FY 21/22 - Two sessions with all associated events in Fall and Spring</p>
Has your program/project been awarded R and/or U funding in the past?	I have received Measures R and/or U funding in the past
Amount (1)	\$5000
Date (1)	03-01-2017
Amount (2)	\$8500
Date (2)	07-01-2017
Amount (3)	\$7000
Date (3)	03-01-2018
Year One	FI_Attendance_2017_10.docx (424k)
Year Two	FI_Attendance_2018_05.docx (421k)
Year Three	FI_Attendance_2018_10.docx (416k)
Future Attendance Forecast	FI_Attendance_Future.docx (424k)
Is there a cost of admission and/or participation?	Forest Island Residency events are free and open to everyone in the community.
Are scholarships available?	No
Please provide a brief description if yes OR no:	As the Forest Island Project does not charge for Residency events, scholarships are not currently an element of the programming. However, FI Residents give presentations to the students at Mammoth Lakes High School and Sierra Alternative HS. The Residents and programming are also available to the students of Cerro Cost Community College as an effort to coordinate access for the widest possible range of students attending Mammoth Lakes based educational institutions.
Is the program(s) ADA compliant to all potential participants? If not, please explain:	Yes, Forest Island Residency events are held at ADA compliant facilities and open to all potential participants.

Describe the public benefit:

FI fosters the option of building a more well rounded intellectual community, opening up new ways of seeing the world through contemporary art based discourse, and building community identity and spirit with the knowledge that access to cultural participation at the highest possible level is a critical component of healthy living and overall quality of life.

Through public events and organized field trips FI offers the residents and students of rural Mammoth Lakes access to cultural content most often only available to residents of urban centers. This level of programming brings with it the ability to stimulate local economies over time by improving the experience and reputation of Mammoth as a destination.

The Forest Island Project offers new opportunities for the community of Mammoth Lakes to engage with respected artists and cultural innovators through a twice yearly curated residency and the programming stemming from it. By drawing together and linking Mammoth with national and international level creative professionals Forest Island seeks to promote elevated community dialogue and provide challenging intellectual experiences to both locals and visitors as a compliment to the robust regional art scene and the physicality of outdoor culture already established in the Eastern Sierra.

Responsible Party & Title:	Kiersten Puusemp, Director
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Organization’s Mission Statement:

Forest Island Project is an art and advocacy organization that believes positive actionable solutions to social issues can originate from a critical dialog initiated through artistic and creative practices. Through an artist’s and critical thinker’s fellowship/residency we intend to define a space of conversation and engagement where the interface of nature and culture meets aesthetics.

FI endeavors to establish the Town of Mammoth Lakes as a distinctive rural cultural nexus, a hub of artistic and intellectual capital and an authority on the constructed environment, both built and social, as it relates to the natural one.

FI is working to develop and integrate with new facilities while creatively repurposing and reanimating existing infrastructure within the town as part of an effort to grow opportunities for local residents and visitors.

FI promotes the cultivation of local and broad reaching partnerships with the intention of evolving the community in the direction of these goals.

Website:	www.forestislandproject.org
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Federal EIN number or ID number:	77-0245395
990 Form	MLF_Form_990_06.30.18.pdf (4162k)
Previous Year's Profit and Loss (P&L) Statement	Report_from_Mammoth_Lakes_Foundation.pdf (30k)
Previous Year's Balance Sheet	FI_Budget_FY_17_18_YRACTUAL.numbers (592k)
Year-to-Date Profit and Loss Statement	Report_from_Mammoth_Lakes_Foundation.pdf (30k)
Year-to-Date Balance Sheet	FI_Budget_FY_18_19_SPRINGESTIMATED.numbers (591k)
Current Year Budget	FI_Budget_FY_18_19_YRESTIMATED.numbers (584k)
Proposed Program Budget	FI_Budget_FY_19_20_YRESTIMATED.numbers (585k)
If you received Measure R or U funding during Fiscal Year 17/18 and your program or project is still in progress, please fill out and attach the Progress Report (Appendix - C):	FY1920_AlloProgressReport_AppendixC_190115_ForestIsland.docx (37k)
Project Specific Budget (Appendix A):	FY1920_AlloProjectBudget_AppxA_190115_FORESTISLAND.xlsx (48k)