CityLit Project Presents You Can’t Live Off Air: Money’s in the Room: An open dialogue with folks who want to give you money and opportunities, for writers who could use it, featuring representatives from the National Endowment for the Arts, Maryland State Arts Council, Robert W. Deutsch Foundation, Creative Capital, Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance and Maryland Citizens for the Arts (advocacy)

CLF2019 - FUNDER & ADVOCACY INFORMATION SHEET

Creative Capital supports innovative and adventurous artists and writers across the country through funding, counsel, gatherings, and career development services. Through a free and open application process, Creative Capital identifies and selects artists from all disciplines to receive the Creative Capital Award. We provide each project with up to $100,000 in total support: $50,000 in direct funding allocated at key intervals in project development, combined with $50,000 of deep mentorship and advisory services. Since 1999, we have committed over $45 million in project funding and advisory support to 561 projects representing 700 artists, including writers such as Paul Beatty, Maggie Nelson, Elissa Washuta, Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts, and Deb Olin Unferth.

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Baker Artist Portfolios & Awards

The Baker Artist Portfolios offer a free, online portfolio to Baltimore-area artists to showcase their work among a collection of other artists from the region working in all disciplines (including Literary Arts). Each year, one artist per discipline with an active portfolio is selected to receive a Mary Sawyers Baker Award, which includes a $10,000 prize, showcase opportunities and a feature on Maryland Public Television. Selected Mary Sawyers Baker Awardees also become eligible for an additional $30,000 prize awarded annually. The Baker Artist Portfolios are a program of the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance, and were created and are funded by the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund. Learn more, or create your portfolio at www.bakerartist.org

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Robert W. Deutsch Foundation

The Robert W. Deutsch Foundation invests in innovative people, projects, and ideas that improve the quality of life in Baltimore and beyond. Funding priorities include the Rubys Artist Grant program, which provides direct funding of up to $10,000 to individual artists in all disciplines to support innovative creative projects.

www.rwdfoundation.org/rubys

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Maryland Citizens for the Arts is a statewide arts advocacy and education organization. Founded over 40 years ago to provide “One Voice for all the Arts in Maryland,” MCA works to highlight the role the arts play in economic vitality of the state and the increased quality of life they provide for all Marylanders. MCA advocates on behalf of the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). In coordination with thousands of advocates across Maryland, we champion the importance of public investment in the arts.

Over the past 5 years, MCA has worked to increase the annual state appropriation by over 50%. As of this past legislative session, we now stand at $24.4 million for MSAC. This means that Maryland is now 3rd in the nation in per-capita spending for the arts!

Find out more information and how to become an advocate at: www.mdarts.org

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through the Literature Fellowships program, the NEA offers $25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement. In addition to these fellowships, the NEA gives 40% of its annual budget directly to State Arts Agencies, many of which offer individual support to writers. You can find the full guidelines for Creative Writing Fellowships on the NEA’s website, www.arts.gov. If you have questions about your application, please contact the Literature staff at 202-682-5034 or email LitFellowships@arts.gov.

The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) encourages and invests in the advancement of the arts for all Marylanders. Its grants and programs support artists and arts organizations in their pursuit of artistic excellence, ensure the accessibility of the arts to all citizens and promote statewide awareness of arts resources and opportunities. For independent artists, MSAC offers Creativity Grants that support the growing needs of relevant arts projects and collaborations within Maryland communities and Independent Artist Awards that recognize outstanding artistic achievement of Maryland artists and provide funds to sustain those artists’ practice.

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