Wyoming Arts Council

Strategic Planning Focus Group Agenda

Individual Artist Support

Date: 9/14/2026

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Google Meet link: meet.google.com/dvy-gheo-fsv

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Purpose:

1. Reflect on the Arts Council's role in nurturing and supporting the Arts across the state.
2. Clarify preliminary ideas from (earlier) stakeholder surveys and interviews. Consider the characteristics, feasibility, and likely impacts of implementing these ideas to guide future decisions.
3. Strengthen positive working relationships across the arts sector.

Agenda:

- Welcome and Facilitator Introductions
- Public Engagement Survey Summary: Strengths and Improvements
- Diving Deeper: Themes for needs/ support
    - Expanded mentorship, residencies, networking, and collaboration opportunities
    - Professional development in artistic and business skills
    - Statewide arts advocacy and support for local arts organizations
    - Increased funding and direct support for individual artists
- Discussion
    - What does WAC need to better understand about that challenge/need?
    - Who are the people/organizations that are already well connected in this area?
    - What might doing better look like?
    - What challenges might we see with that?
    - What difference might it make if we were able to do that thing well? What level of impact could we reasonably expect in 1-5 years?
- Next Steps
- Closing

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Listen to learn. Assume that everyone has valuable information to contribute. Approach differences with curiosity.



Balance participation. To benefit from the group's collective wisdom, work to ensure you're hearing from everyone.



Do the work in the room. The group will do its best work with all voices and ideas actively engaged. If something needs to be said, say it!



Use a helicopter view. Often, the small details AND the big picture are equally important in finding a path forward. Try to move fluidly, like a helicopter, to get the benefit of both.



Manage your technology. Consider how you can best limit your distractions to be most fully present and engaged.



Be hard on the problems but easy on the people. Everyone is working extremely hard and bringing their best selves to the work.