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organization.**

Foundation Giving Panel

Facilitated by: Meg Greene, MINDPOP

Panelists:

- Meagan Harris, Community Foundation of Abilene
- Melanie Colclough, T.L.L. Temple Foundation
- Susannah Mikulin, Greater Fayette Community Foundation

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MINDPOP brings the revolutionary power of the arts and creative learning to classrooms, schools and communities for the benefit of every student.

MINDPOP powers the Rural Texas Arts & Culture Network, a network dedicated to:

- Increasing visibility of rural arts and culture organizations to funders
- Connecting colleagues across the state
- Sharing resources and tools



Agenda

- Introductions: MINDPOP & Rural Texas Arts & Culture Network
- Warm Welcome
- Foundations Panel #1
- Break-out Discussion: Collaboration
- Foundations Panel #2
- Break-out Discussion: What You Wish Foundations Knew
- Q & A
- Announcements
- Closing



Art After School | Arts for Rural Texas | Fayetteville, TX

Warm Welcome

In the chat, share your name, organization, and your experience with foundation giving:

- Have you received foundation funding before?
- Are you new to pursuing foundation funding?



Education Programming
Museum of the West Texas Frontier
Stamford, TX

Paula A. Windham Fund for Education and Community Development

The Paula A. Windham Fund for Education and Community Development is a field of interest fund held at the Community Foundation of Abilene.

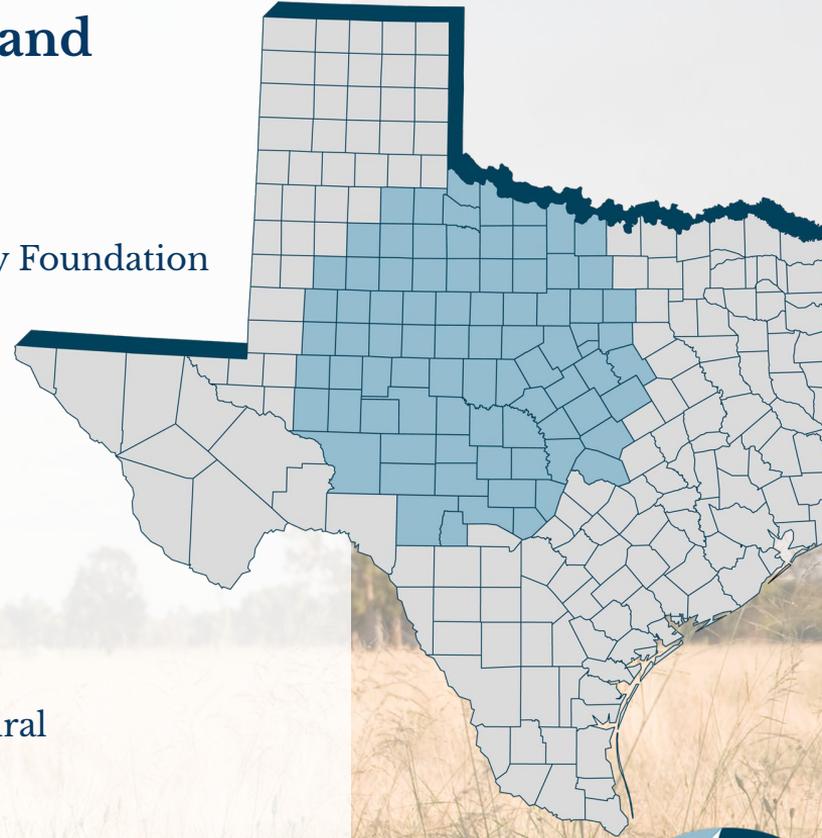
Areas of Focus:

- Arts and Culture
- Community Development and Leadership
- Education related to Agricultural Education and
- Ranch Management
- Health and Human Services
- Quality of Life

Service Area:

Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply who serve rural communities within a 150-mile radius of Oplin, Texas.

Meagan Harris, Rural Grants Manager, mharris@cfabilene.org





T.L.L. TEMPLE FOUNDATION

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation works alongside rural communities to build a thriving East Texas and to alleviate poverty, creating access and opportunity for all.

Strategic Focus Areas:

- Education
- Economic Opportunity
- Health
- Human Services
- Arts & Culture

Who We Serve

- Anderson
- Angelina
- Bowie
- Cass
- Cherokee
- Hardin
- Houston
- Jasper
- Jefferson
- Liberty
- Miller
- Nacogdoches
- Newton
- Orange
- Panola
- Polk
- Rusk
- Sabine
- San Augustine
- San Jacinto
- Shelby
- Trinity
- Tyler

Melanie Colclough

Senior Program Officer for Human Services and Arts & Culture

TLLTemple.Foundation





Greater Fayette Community Foundation



- **Who We Are** - A community foundation dedicated to connecting donors, nonprofits, and partners to create lasting change in Fayette County and surrounding rural Central TX areas.
- **Our Mission** - Inspiring charitable action, facilitating collaboration, and empowering the organizations that strengthen our rural communities.
- **What We Do** -
 - Manage charitable funds for individuals, families, and organizations
 - Lead strategic grantmaking through our three Community Impact Funds (Red Door Fund for Mental Health, Green Door Fund for Workforce Development, Rural Community Health Fund)
 - Serve as a trusted philanthropic partner, connecting rural communities with regional and national funders
 - Supporting nonprofit organizations in rural Central Texas by offering strategic funding, professional development, and collaborative networking opportunities to help you make a lasting impact.



Break-out Rooms

Foundations often look for applications with a strong collaboration element - where collaboration is a force multiplier and deepens impact.

In your breakout groups, share:

- Introduce yourselves and briefly share what your organization does.
- Then, imagine you were applying for a foundation grant together. If you were collaborating on a project, what would you create?
- Consider how you can multiply your impact by sharing resources and working together.
- Consider what is missing from this collaboration and who else should be at the table.
- We will share out a few examples when we return.



Art Show | Texas Arts & Music Festival | Brenham, TX
Image courtesy of Chris Graham Photography

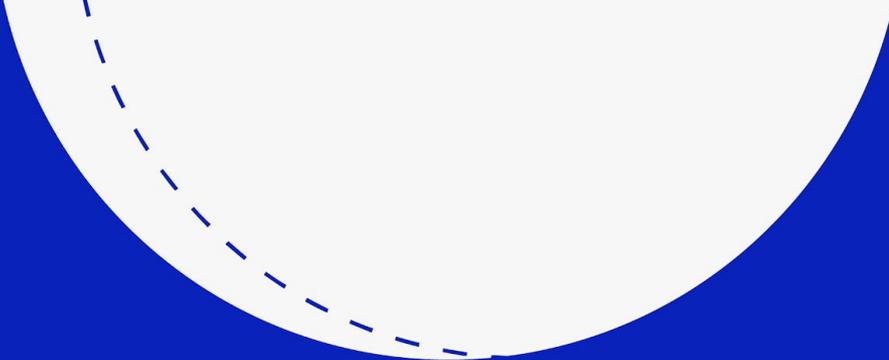
Break-out Rooms

In your break-out rooms, share:

- What do you wish funders knew or understood about your work or context?
- What is working in your foundation relationships?
- What can grantmakers do *more of* or *less of* to help you meet your goals?



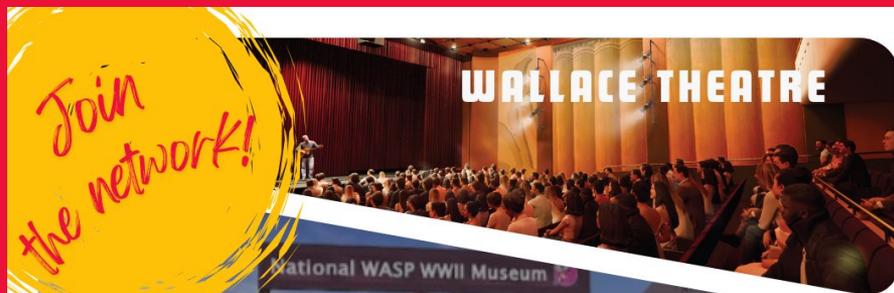
Mural Alley | Corsicana, TX



Q & A

Join the Network!

- The Rural Texas Arts & Culture Network website is live!
- Public facing directory for funders with profiles of rural arts & culture organizations
- Claim your listing to add photos, mission statement & more
- Member site with resources, member directory & discussion boards
- www.texasruralarts.org



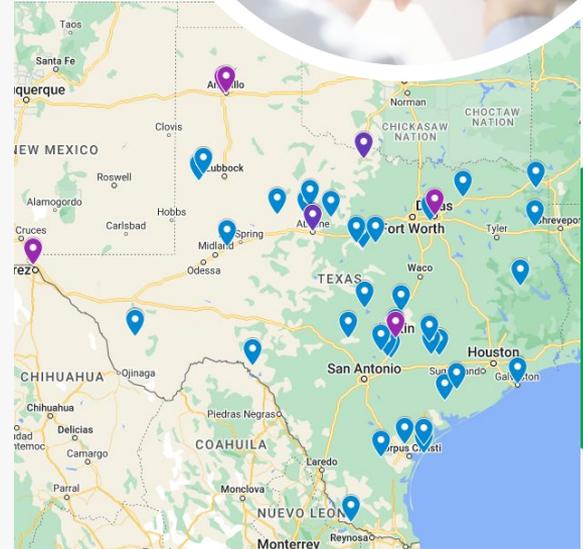
...AND MANY MORE!

Upcoming Events

Join us for a Coffee + Connection Virtual Networking Zoom!

Friday, Sept. 12th 10:00-11:30 am

Coming this October: Hotel Occupancy Taxes Toolkit workshop with Chris Kiley from Texas for the Arts





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Thank you for joining us!

Closing

In the chat or aloud, share: what do you wish funders knew or understood?