Brockman Grants Program 2025

In February, the Pines Foundation announced the launch of the Brockman Grants Program, a new two-year initiative to provide financial support to individuals and organizations undertaking projects that interpret, enhance, reflect, positively impact, and display the history, cultural diversity, and lived experience of Fire Island Pines. It targets three categories for support: **Artistic Production Grants** to help fund the production and exhibition of artistic creations; **Research and Production Grants** awarded to individuals or organizations pursuing a research objective having to do with Fire Island Pines and **Community Enhancement Grants** awarded to individuals or organizations seeking through individual or collective action to provide demonstrable benefit to the Fire Island Pines community.

To oversee the initiative, FIPPOA's President created **The Brockman Grants Committee,** co-chaired by a member of the FIPPOA Board of Directors and consisting of a diverse group of community members with relevant expertise in evaluating and selecting grantees. The Committee's mission is to review grant requests, make funding recommendations to the Pines Foundation Board, oversee the operation of the Program and report back to the FIPPOA Board and Pines community on its work.

In this first cycle of funding, 15 proposals requesting support were received. With a pool of $10,000 available for funding, the Committee selected four for support. Each are now underway with their anticipated completions expected in 2026. In reviewing the Program thus far the Committee noted that the awarded grantees have been well-received by the Pines community, the strong response to the requests for proposals from members of the Pines community suggest that the Brockman program is filling a need reflective of the artistic and community needs of the Pines and there is a larger community to be reached with more outreach as the Program evolves in year Two.

Looking forward, the Committee believes the need for and interest in the Brockman Grants Program will grow. A second year of funding will further confirm the Program's relevance. Overall, the Committee is very positive about the value the Brockman Grants Program will provide as it is integrated further in the life of the Pines. We are going to announce the 2026 application process this November, with grants being awarded in February 2026. As year Two of the Brockman Grants Program concludes it will be valuable to consider the growing support for the arts and how/where FIPPOA through the Brockman initiative or other similar projects can be further evolved.