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The Architectural League announces 2022 Independent Projects Partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts

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October 12, 2021, New York, NY -- The Architectural League of New York is pleased to announce a grant-making partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support independent practitioners working in the design fields in 2022. This opportunity is the latest cycle of the Architecture + Design Independent Projects program, which provides grants of \$10,000 for New York State-based individuals to creatively explore or research an issue or problem in design fields, including architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, community-centered design, fashion, graphic, industrial, and interior design. Utilizing dedicated funds granted by NYSCA, the League will receive applications and award grants to 18 projects that advance the design disciplines and contribute to a broader understanding of design, with an emphasis on artistry and design excellence.

Prior to 2022, NYSCA's Independent Projects program required applicants to submit projects through a sponsoring organization, such as the League. In recent years, the League has become the most active sponsor in the program and has handled the highest volume of such applications. We are excited to enter into a pilot partnership in 2022 and work in concert with NYSCA to administer the Independent Projects opportunity for all interested applicants.

The Independent Projects partnership builds on the League's expertise in carrying out competitive, juried award programs—including the annual League Prize and Emerging Voices competitions, Norden Fund travel grants, and the American Roundtable initiative. As the grantmaking entity, the League, working in collaboration with NYSCA, will publish guidelines, receive all applications, confirm project eligibility, convene a review panel to select recipients, and disburse awards. Individuals located anywhere in New York State and working in any design discipline described above are eligible and welcome to apply, and will receive equal consideration during review.

Complete program guidelines, eligibility requirements, and application instructions will be announced in late 2021, and applications will be due in early 2022.

About the Architectural League

The Architectural League is a non-profit cultural organization that nurtures excellence in architecture and urbanism, and stimulates thinking and action on the critical design and building issues of our time. As a vital, independent forum for architecture and its allied disciplines, the League strives to create a more just, beautiful, and sustainable future.

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