

# THE RENEE & CHAIM GROSS FOUNDATION



PRESS RELEASE

## Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation awarded \$5,000 from NYSCA and MANY Partnership Grants for Capacity Building

**June 1, 2022, New York City**—The Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation is pleased to announce a grant award of \$5,000 from NYSCA and MANY Partnership Grants for Capacity Building. The Museum Association of New York (MANY) in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) awarded a total of \$497,114 to 102 grantees to assist New York museums with capacity building.

“We thank NYSCA for this partnership and this opportunity to rapidly distribute much-needed funding to New York’s museums,” said **Erika Sanger, Executive Director, MANY**.

“Thank you MANY for your generous grant which will enable our foundation to buy new computers,” said **Mimi Gross, President of the Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation**. “It has taken many years to fully inventory the art works, the collections, with the infinite provenances and histories. The new computers will help us facilitate capacity building. From the fragile beginnings, when we faced the enormous task to record the holdings within the foundation, the new computers are a large leap forward to make complete records for future generations.”

This grant partnership with NYSCA was developed in direct response to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Partners for Public Good (PPG) study [“Market Analysis and Opportunity Assessment of Museum Capacity Building Programs”](#) report published in March 2021.

Capacity Building grants were awarded in amounts up to and including \$5,000 to help museums respond to pandemic-related challenges, build financial stability, strengthen board and community engagement, update technology, support leadership, and change systems to address diversity, equity, access, inclusion, and justice. Awards were made to museums of all budget sizes and disciplines.

The grant will cover four new desktop computers and monitors, allowing staff members, fellows, volunteers, and interns to work at full capacity in research, development of educational programs, and collections management. The Foundation’s previous computers were out of date and could no longer be updated. The new equipment will allow the Foundation to work better and faster while also protecting important information on the collections and archives.

“The arts and culture sector is facing a multi-year recovery process after two years of unimaginable challenges,” said **Mara Manus, Executive Director, NYSCA**. “We are grateful to MANY for their stewardship

of this opportunity that will ensure New York State museums continue to grow and thrive. We send our congratulations to all grantees on their awards.”

Partnership Grants for Capacity Building are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

### **About the Museum Association of New York**

The Museum Association of New York is the only statewide museum service organization with more than 700 member museums, historical societies, zoos, botanical gardens, and aquariums. MANY helps shape a better future for museums and museum professionals by uplifting best practices and building organizational capacity through advocacy, training, and networking opportunities. Visit [www.nysmuseums.org](http://www.nysmuseums.org) and follow MANY on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn @nysmuseums

### **About the New York State Council on the Arts**

The Council on the Arts preserves and advances the arts and culture that make New York State an exceptional place to live, work, and visit. The Council upholds the right of all New Yorkers to experience the vital contributions the arts make to our communities, education, economic development, and quality of life. Through its core grant-making activity, the Council on the Arts awarded more than \$100 million in FY 2022. NYSCA's statewide grants program supports the visual, literary, media and performing arts and includes dedicated support for arts education and underserved communities.

The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts

### **About Chaim Gross**

Chaim Gross (1902-91) was an American sculptor whose prolific career spanned seven decades. He is known primarily for his direct carvings in wood as well as his bronzes, often of families or acrobats. His work is in public and private collections throughout the United States, with a significant portion at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C. A philanthropist as well as a collector, Gross donated hundreds of objects to museums worldwide. He collected broadly, with a focus on the work of his American contemporaries and African arts.

### **About the Foundation**

The Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization incorporated in New York State in 1989. The Foundation's mission is to further the legacy of Chaim Gross through high-quality research, exhibitions, and educational activities around the historic building and art collections for audiences in New York City and beyond. For more information, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.rcgrossfoundation.org](http://www.rcgrossfoundation.org).



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