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Program gives struggling artists \$1,000 a month



A few commissions, contracts, sales or cancellations can dramatically change what artists earn in a given year. GETTY IMAGES

The result: Freedom and time to focus on their art

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THE CONVERSATION

Though artificial intelligence is making it easier than ever to produce images, music and text, the technology is also making it harder for the people who have traditionally produced this work to earn a living.

A photographer who once was commissioned to make art for an advertising campaign is now competing with graphics produced by the AI image generator Midjourney. A novelist who used to make money on the side as a technical writer is seeing that work be replaced by a series of prompts in ChatGPT.

The extent to which AI will upend creative work remains unsettled. But that uncertainty has made guaranteeing income for creatives a more viable

The program selected artists through a weighted lottery. It adopted an expansive definition of "artist." Anyone engaged in artistic, cultural or community-centered creative practices – such as musicians, storytellers or muralists – was eligible to apply.

policy idea.

In fact, creatives in New York recently participated in the largest basic income program for artists in U.S. history, the Guaranteed Income for Artists initiative.

Spearheaded by Creatives Rebuild New York and primarily funded by the

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the program gave 2,400 artists across New York state \$1,000 a month beginning in June 2022. There were no work requirements and no restrictions on how the money could be spent. The program sought to improve the financial stability of artists and encourage the public to see them as workers who deserve a stable income and social support.

As researchers who study artists, cultural work and public policy, we evaluated this program to see whether it achieved its stated goals. Our main finding was simple: Artists did not stop working. Instead, they changed the kind of work they did.

Cash buys time

Artists often make choices that look strange in standard economic models, which typically assume workers will prioritize higher wages while balancing work against leisure time.

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179 arrests made in joint endeavor

'Operation New Dawn' involved federal law enforcement in Chicago, Rockford

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Federal law enforcement officials in Chicago are declaring victory after what they have dubbed "Operation New Dawn."

In all, 179 people were charged as part of 140 cases in the Chicago and Rockford areas over 60 days, according to a news release.

The arrests are part of what U.S. Attorney Andrew Boutros of the Northern District of Illinois is calling a "bad-geless" enforcement initiative because participating law enforcement agencies worked under a federal umbrella instead of as individual agencies, a news release said.

"Doing so created shared accountability and unified, mission-minded, anti-violence work in the Northern District of Illinois starting in the spring and continuing into the summer in special recognition of our nation's

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Krape Park south entrance closing for upgrades

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The south entrance to Krape Park is closed as of July 6 for an improvement project.

The project is expected to enhance safety, accessibility and traffic flow at the park. It will also expand access for emergency responders and school buses, according to a community announcement.

The closure will remain in effect throughout the duration of the project. Efforts will be made to accommodate

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