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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 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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Mackinac State Historic Parks continues America250 programs

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The summer celebration of America250 will continue this weekend at Mackinac State Historic Parks.

Maritime Michilimackinac will take place July 11-12 at Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City while a Forgotten Features Bicycle Tour is set for July 12 on Mackinac Island.

Maritime Michilimackinac

According to park officials, Maritime Michilimackinac will highlight the different ways people traveled, traded and lived on the water at the historic fort location, which was once a major hub of the Great Lakes fur trade. Interpreters will offer discussions and

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Local students get boost from SACF scholarships



SACF Board President Linda Rogers (far right) presents scholarships to Cheboygan High School graduating seniors at their spring awards night.

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The Straits Area Community Foundation awarded \$35,850 in scholarships this year to 19 students from Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City.

According to SACF, the scholarships go to students who are pursuing higher education, skilled trades, medical school and specialized training programs. Some area students also received scholarships from SACF's lead foundation, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

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Colonial Michilimackinac is located within Michilimackinac State Park on the shore of Lake Michigan in Mackinaw City.

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