

Ignite Fund Accessibility Resource

Ignite Fund grantees are encouraged to make their projects accessible. Considerations and services can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- COVID-19 safety protocols that prioritize the health and safety of participants and the community.
- American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.
- CART Services (Communication Access Real-Time Translation), real-time captioning.
- Captioning for videos.
- Audio description.
- Quiet spaces or sensory rooms.
- Wayfinding.
- Ramps, elevators, and/or access for people in wheelchairs and/or with low mobility.
- Aisles, seating, and restrooms that can accommodate wheelchairs.
- Transportation ease (proximity to public transit, parking availability, etc).
- Language access (legible promotions or descriptions, alternative language, large-print, etc).
- Transparency about available accessibility services and/or options to make requests.

General Accessibility Resources and Workshops

3Arts Accessibility Resources

- [Resources on ASL, audio description, captioning, and more!](#)

Chicago Access Collaborative

Workshops:

- **[Video]** [Access 101: Part 1, Intro to Disability and Accessibility](#)
- **[Video]** [Access 101: Part 2, Individual Perspectives](#)

Equipment Loans:

- [Equipment Loans](#): the Chicago Cultural Access Collaborative offers free short-term equipment loans to Chicago-area cultural organizations.
- **[Video]** [How to: Equipment Loan Program](#)

Chicago Transit Authority

- **[PDF]** [CTA System Map](#)

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)

- **[PDF]** [Guidelines to Hosting an Accessible Event](#)

YOUmediaChicago

- **[Video]** [Describing Your Image: Accessibility for Blind and Low Vision Audiences](#)

American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters

- [SignNexus](#): woman-owned ASL interpretation provider for online events
- [Ai media](#): provides ASL interpretation for online events and captioning
- [Chicago Hearing Society](#): d/Deaf social service agency with an interpreter referral component
- [Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission](#): includes a searchable, online directory of American Sign Language interpreters

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AUDIO DESCRIPTION & ALT-Text

- **Alt-Text as Poetry**: an introduction with resources on **alt-text**, an essential part of web accessibility that provides a written description of images (for anyone!) but is especially useful for people who are blind, low vision, or have certain cognitive disabilities.
- **Describing Your Image**: a video tutorial by artist Andy Slater on image descriptions, including examples and tips.
- **How to Create Audio Descriptions**: a step-by-step guide that includes examples.

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CAPTIONING

- **c2 Inc:** provides live performance captioning at live theatrical and cultural events.
- **Efficiency Reporting:** provides real-time captioning and speech-to-text transcription services (also known as "CART" services). (efficiencyrptg@cs.com, v. 630.682.8887)

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VIDEO CAPTIONING

- **Amara:** website service that allows you to caption your own videos for free, or have them transcribed and captioned for you.
- **Ava:** a live captioning service through a mobile or web-based app.
- **Captioning Key:** detailed guidelines and best practices for captioning videos.
- **CaptionSync:** website service that provides closed captioning and transcription services for a fee.
- **YouTube:** if you host your videos on YouTube, you can turn on their automatic subtitling. YouTube uses voice-recognition software, so the automatic translation can be inaccurate. However, you can manually edit these and republish the corrected versions.