

# Prismatic Artist Residency

The Cypress Fund, a social justice fund based in the Carolinas, prioritizes investing in People powered solutions and focuses on donor organizing for strategic movement-responsive investments. Through these investments, we strengthen relationships, build grassroots power, and shift decision-making power to the hands of trusted community members. Artists are an integral part of building, achieving, and maintaining power and shifting culture with specific needs that traditional philanthropy institutionally ignore. Thus, we launched the Prismatic Artist Residency to meet and support the needs of artists and organizations within the Carolinas.

## Prismatic by the numbers

Prismatic is a 2-year 500k+ investment in 7 BIPOC-lead Artist Organizations and Collectives within the Carolinas whose work aligns with Cypress's Four Pillars of Black Liberation. Each collective will receive:

2

year grants

\$50,000 general support investment

1

skills training retreat

1-on-1

organization development support

8x

quarterly strategy sessions

**[An] activist (artist+activist) uses [their] artistic talents to fight and struggle against injustice and oppression—by any medium necessary.**

-M.K. Asante



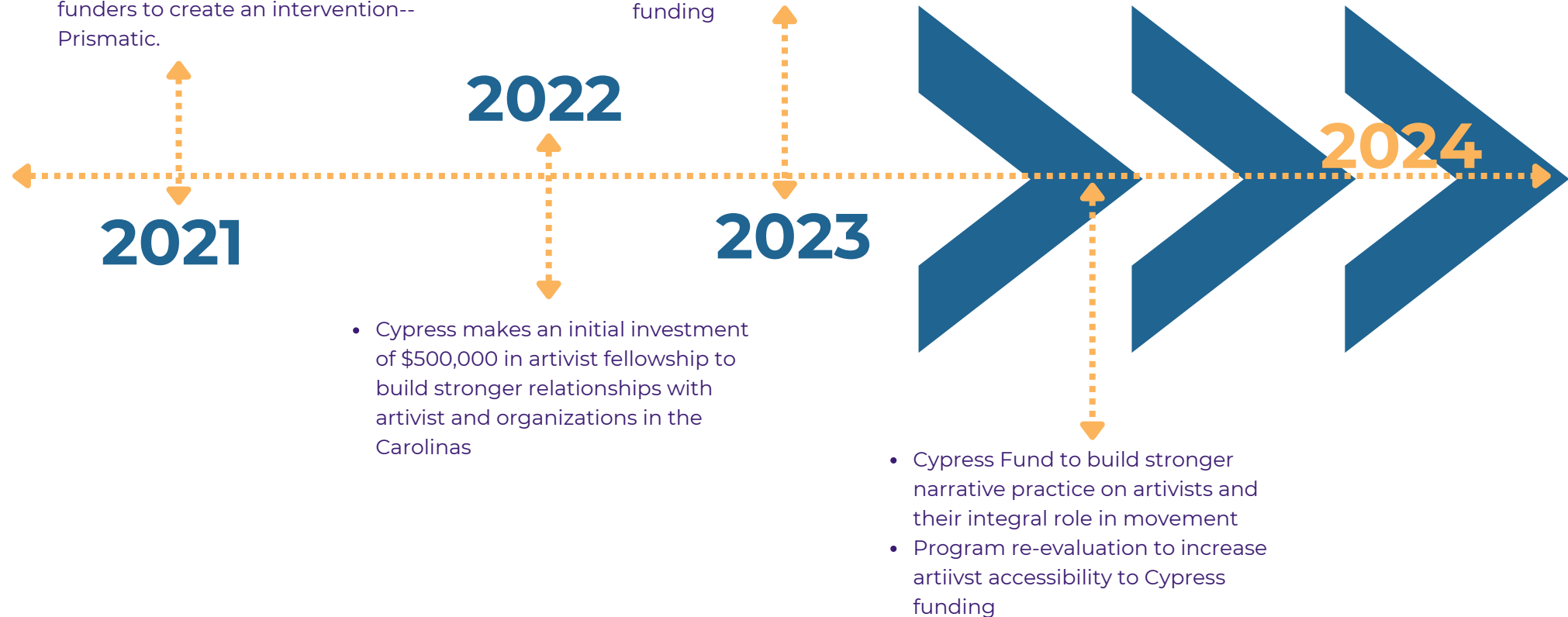
Asiah Mae Thomas, Prismatic 2022

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## Artist Residency

- Cypress Fund invested in deepening learning and practice with artists and funders to create an intervention-- Prismatic.

- Artist engage in 5- 7 public offerings supporting social justice work across the Carolinas
- Increased interest & investment in a second round of Prismatic funding



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