

Code of Ethics Policy for Bitcoin For The Arts, Inc. (BFTA)

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Preamble

Bitcoin For The Arts, Inc. (BFTA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to igniting a self-sustaining global renaissance in the arts through Bitcoin micro-grants, performance workshops, and visionary productions. Our mission—"Uncensorable money • Uncensorable minds"—empowers sovereign creators to break free from fiat decay, fostering financial independence and creative freedom. As the "NEA of the Bitcoin Era," we commit to radical transparency, ethical stewardship, and accountability in all operations.

This Code of Ethics outlines the principles guiding our board members, staff, volunteers, partners, and affiliates. It ensures alignment with our vision of building a permanent Bitcoin endowment while upholding the highest standards of integrity, especially in handling donations, grants, and artist interactions. Violations may result in corrective action, up to removal from involvement. This code is reviewed annually and published on bitcoinformthearts.org for public transparency.

Core Ethical Principles

1. Integrity and Honesty

- **Commitment:** All BFTA representatives must act with honesty, fairness, and good faith. We reject any form of deception, fraud, or misrepresentation.
- **Application to BFTA:** In Bitcoin dealings (e.g., wallet management, grant distributions), ensure accurate reporting and on-chain verification. Falsifying records, such as endowment balances or grant outcomes, is prohibited.
- **Examples:** Disclose all material facts in partnerships (e.g., with NYC arts orgs like NYFA); avoid hype in newsletters or workshops that overpromises Bitcoin's benefits.

2. Transparency and Accountability

- **Commitment:** Operate with radical openness, making decisions and finances publicly verifiable where possible.
- **Application to BFTA:** Publish allocation details (55% grants, 30% programs, 10% operations, 5% endowment) and wallet addresses. Board minutes (redacted for privacy) and annual reports must be accessible online.
- **Examples:** Use on-chain tools for endowment tracking; respond promptly to donor/artist inquiries about fund usage.

3. Conflict of Interest

- **Commitment:** Avoid situations where personal interests conflict with BFTA's mission. Disclose and recuse from decisions where bias exists.
- **Application to BFTA:** Board members/artists must declare any financial ties (e.g., Bitcoin investments, art sales) that could influence grant awards or partnerships.
- **Examples:** If a board member is an artist applying for a micro-grant, they must recuse; prohibit self-dealing in endowment management under the 30% volatility rule.

4. Confidentiality and Privacy

- **Commitment:** Protect sensitive information, respecting the privacy of artists, donors, and partners.
- **Application to BFTA:** Safeguard grant applications (e.g., portfolios, personal stories) and donor data. Use secure tools like encrypted forms (with Turnstile protection) and comply with laws (e.g., GDPR for global artists).
- **Examples:** Do not share artist details without consent; anonymize success stories unless approved.

5. Respect and Inclusivity

- **Commitment:** Foster an environment free from discrimination, harassment, or bias, valuing diverse voices in the arts.
- **Application to BFTA:** Prioritize underserved creators (e.g., in NYC partnerships); ensure workshops and grants are accessible (e.g., hybrid formats, WCAG compliance)

on the website).

- **Examples:** Promote sovereignty for all artists, regardless of background; address complaints promptly and fairly.

6. Stewardship of Resources

- **Commitment:** Use donations and assets responsibly, maximizing impact for artists while minimizing waste.
- **Application to BFTA:** Adhere to the financial model; manage the endowment prudently per the 30% volatility rule to ensure eternal sustainability.
- **Examples:** Avoid lavish expenses; prioritize Bitcoin-native tools (e.g., Lightning for fast grants) over fiat alternatives.

7. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

- **Commitment:** Adhere to all applicable laws, including nonprofit regulations, tax codes, and crypto-specific rules (e.g., IRS guidelines on digital assets).
- **Application to BFTA:** Maintain 501(c)(3) compliance; report Bitcoin holdings accurately in Form 990 filings.
- **Examples:** Conduct due diligence on partners; prohibit illegal activities in workshops (e.g., no advice on unregulated crypto schemes).

8. Whistleblower Protection

- **Commitment:** Encourage reporting of ethical concerns without fear of retaliation.
- **Application to BFTA:** Provide anonymous channels (e.g., email hotline) for reporting violations; investigate promptly and protect reporters.
- **Examples:** If misuse of grants is suspected, escalate to the board for review.

Implementation and Enforcement

- **Training:** All board, staff, and volunteers receive annual training on this code, including Bitcoin ethics scenarios.
- **Acknowledgment:** Signatories must affirm adherence annually.
- **Reporting Violations:** Report concerns to [designated ethics officer or board chair email]. Investigations are confidential and impartial.
- **Amendments:** The board may update this code with a majority vote, notifying stakeholders via the website and newsletter.
- **Consequences:** Breaches may lead to warnings, suspension, or termination, with legal action if warranted.

By upholding this Code of Ethics, BFTA ensures our work endures as a beacon for sovereign creators, stacking culture on sound money for generations. For questions, contact [info@bitcoinforthearts.org].