Sunday Soup is an international network of initiatives that use public suppers to communally fund creative projects. While the size and scope of these grassroots suppers varies, the formula is the same: for an affordable donation, event attendees receive a meal and a curator's ballot. Proposals are presented and diners vote for their favorites. At the end of the night, ballots are counted and the project or projects with the most votes receive grants from the money collected. An alternative funding model for the arts, the Sunday Soup Network allows artists to receive funding from their communities and in turn create projects for those very communities.

**How To Start Your Own Sunday Soup**

1. **Find a space and build a dedicated team.**

   - We started with the idea that the way one goes about answering the necessary questions is just as creative as the answers themselves.
   - InCUBATE, Chicago, IL

2. **Source supplies, promote event, call for proposals.**

   - We collaborate with the local food bank to garner resources such as voluteers, ornaments and handbills. Through the ballot we go more in-depth to get access to the kitchen of a great restaurant.
   - Feast Toronto, Toronto, Canada

3. **Charge a modest amount for a meal and a ballot.**

   - Allow attendees pitch in—people like to help! Stake diners wash those very communities.
   - Portland Stock, Portland, OR

4. **Serve food, engage guests, present the projects.**

   - If you’re afraid you won’t have enough plates or too many people show up, after “perfectly formed” meal sharing food and ask people to pay half-price for the opportunity to vote. It also doesn’t hurt to actually provide plates.
   - Portland Stock, Portland, OR

5. **Guests vote for their favorite project.**

   - The more special you make the ballot, the more people come and the more it will return for advertising.
   - Portland Stock, Portland, OR

6. **Distribute the event’s proceeds according to the vote.**

   - Most grant programs don’t allow for student applicants. Through a partnered with SFMOMA’s Cultural Equity, we are able to offer a dedicated student grant (funded by SFRC) in addition to the Feast project grants.
   - Portland Stock, Portland, OR

7. **Document, reflect, share your experiences with others.**

   - “Afterward, reflect on what worked and what didn’t work.”
   - Detroit Soup, Detroit, MI

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**Sunday Soup Network**

- **Art Beets**
  - Edmonton, AB
  - Toronto, ON
  - New York, NY
- **Bread! KC**
  - Kansas City, MO
- **Soup N’ At**
  - New York, NY
  - Philadelphia, PA
- **Sunda**
  - Portland, OR
  - Chicago, IL
  - Nashville, TN
  - Poughkeepsie, NY
- **Peaceable**
  - Portland, OR
  - Philadelphia, PA
- **Philly Stake**
  - Philadelphia, PA
  - Brooklyn, NY
  - Portland, OR
  - Madison, WI
  - Denver, CO
- **Public Meal**
  - Salem, OR
  - almonds, NY
  - Alfred, NY
  - Providence, RI
  - Portland, OR
- **Soup Northwest**
  - Seattle, WA
  - Burlington, VT
  - Fortuna, CA
  - Portland, OR
  - Flagstaff, AZ
- **Soup N’At**
  - New York, NY
  - Portland, OR
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  - Madison, WI
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- **October 1–2, 2011**
  - **“Int’l Day of Soup”**
  - **10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

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**“It is crucial to make people feel as comfortable as possible during the meal, serving at tables and allowing for conversations to happen.”**

- Portland Stock, Portland, OR