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Creative Arts Industries Commission announces \$355,000 in grants *Twenty-five grant awards made through three programs*

The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission (KCAIC) has announced that it has awarded grants to 11 organizations. The grant awards, which total \$355,298, were awarded through the Strategic Investment and Arts Integration programs, as well as the Creative Economy Project Support program. KCAIC programs are designed to promote partnerships, enhance community and economic development, encourage risk and innovation, maximize statewide impact and highlight the role the arts play in all areas of community life. Grantees are selected by the KCAIC through an application and review process.

The Creative Economy Project Support program encourages dynamic partnerships among cultural, business and public sectors to help communities address cultural and economic development goals through a wide variety of creative placemaking initiatives. This highly competitive program leverages the creative assets intrinsic in Kansas communities to stimulate the local economy, strengthen the role of arts and culture, promote regional identity and enhance the quality of life for its citizens. Funds may be used to support a single activity or a suite of related activities that are not already supported through a current KCAIC program.

The Strategic Investment Program (SIP) recognizes the important role individual artists and creative organizations play in building and sustaining cultural and economic vibrancy in Kansas. By funding a variety of professional and organizational development opportunities that impact cultural programming, these grants support initiatives that use the arts to enhance community vitality, revitalize neighborhoods, generate local business, create and preserve job opportunities and impact tourism.

The Arts Integration Program (AIP) grants support the role the arts play in all levels of education, community service and workforce development. This program provides funding for educational institutions, arts organizations and community service non-profits to use the arts to increase student success, foster creative thinking, develop critical job skills and enhance community development.

To learn more about KCAIC programs, please visit KansasCommerce.com/CAICPrograms.

A list of grant awards follows on pages 2-4.

The Creative Economy Project Support grant recipients

Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, \$36,689

Partners & Support: *Downtown Overland Park Partnership, Inc., The InterUrban ArtHouse*

The New Dance Partners Creative Economy Project will sketch out an Overland Park cultural corridor that stretches from Johnson County Community College to Downtown Overland Park and create a greater sense of collaboration between arts and culture organizations in the area and ensure that Overland Park continues to be recognized as a cultural hub through a series of events centered around dance, choreography and performance in Downtown Overland Park leading up to the New Dance Partners Festival.

Atchison Art Association, Atchison \$15,000

Partners & Support: *City of Atchison, Atchison Area Economic Development Corporation, Atchison County Commission, Caudle Development Company*

A Vision of our Culture is a series of six public art installations designed to increase local economic vitality, strengthen cultural resources and values and promote a more connected population through collaboration with city government, local businesses and organizations. To Share Food is to Share Life is the first project in the series consisting of 20 concrete panels and installed on two city blocks at the Atchison Farmer's Market on Main Street. The project will enhance the underdeveloped property, shield the market from a busy railway and beautify the market as an attractive destination for commerce, tourism and local food education.

City of Lawrence, Lawrence, \$75,000

Partners & Support: *Callahan Creek, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Douglas County Historical Society*

The City of Lawrence will undertake a city-wide cultural planning effort which engages all stakeholders and the community-at-large, develop a state-wide and regional marketing campaign and marketing materials which flow from the cultural plan and work to create a long-term brand for Lawrence and the surrounding area related to arts and culture, and establish a Director of Arts and Culture within city government.

Tonantzin Society, Topeka, \$10,000

Partners & Support: *Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, Visit Topeka, Inc., Kansas Children's Discovery Center, Kansas Historical Society, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library,*

The Tonantzin Society will host a month long Latino arts and cultural Dia De Los Muertos Festival in conjunction with several area event partners including NOTO Arts District, Kansas Children's Discovery Center, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Justicia Inc., Mulvane Art Museum, Kansas State Historical Society and Washburn University Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs to will increase tourism and entrepreneurship amongst underserved populations.

Anderson County Development Agency, Garnett, \$50,000

Partners & Support: *Anderson County Entrepreneurial Community Foundation, Walker Art Committee, The Chamber Players Community Theatre*

Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development will enact a program of work developed collaboratively with various arts, tourism and local economic development groups to enhance the City of Garnett's livability and attractiveness by economic and community development through the arts. Work will include cultural planning, public art installations, cultural facility enhancements, marketing and events.

City of Maize, Maize, \$50,000

Partners & Support: *New Market Square, Chamber Music at the Barn, The Halstead Bank, Prairie Pines Christmas Tree Farm*

The City of Maize will create a series of high quality, public concerts and mini-festivals sequentially growing in size, scope and intensity to establish a creative district around the central corridor of Maize Road. Arts AMaize will activate spaces underserved by the arts, including regional shopping centers, stores and parking lots throughout Maize.

Parsons Arts and Humanities Council – City of Parsons, Parsons, \$34,000

Partners & Support: *Labette County Tourism Department, Southeast Kansas Farm History Center, Downtown Parsons Inc.*

The Parsons Arts and Humanities council will commission Stan Herd to build a major, permanent public art installation in the Tolen Creek Park area north of US 400 in Parsons. The project will provide much needed exposure to art for members of the community, make Parsons an art destination, and serve as the center piece for planned new development connected to the Tolen Creek Park trail system.

Strategic Investment and Arts Integration program grant recipients

Arkansas City Area Arts Council, Arkansas City, \$3,285

The Buford Center for the Arts will conduct a summer residency that integrates literary education through poetry into mathematics, science and reading curricula to encourage educational risks and foster problem-solving and personal development.

McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation, McPherson \$2,374

The McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation will host a six-day residency featuring Ann Birney and Joyce Thierer of Ride into History that employs theatre and storytelling techniques to interpret artistic, scientific and historical artifacts. The residency will include educational activities for students and teachers, a public performance by the artists and information tours of the museum and a talk back conducted by students for the general public.

Kansas Alliance for Arts and Education, statewide, \$5,000

The Kansas Alliance for Arts and Education will host a professional development conference at the Kansas Cosmosphere for teachers statewide featuring established experts in STEAM education initiatives to better inform educators on methods to integrate the arts into the STEM curriculum.

Hesston College, Hesston, \$5,000

Hesston College will conduct a community residency with Third Coast Percussion that will include a public concert with a pre-concert discussion, the WAVES music/STEM integration program, an educational concert for elementary students, a percussion workshop for college students and a lecture demonstration.

Friends of JCDS, Lenexa, \$5,000

The friends of JCDS (Johnson County Developmental Supports) will partner with the following groups to provide JCDS Emerging Artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities with artistic opportunities and skills for their development. InterUrban ArtHouse will provide studio time with artist and art therapist Sherry Jacobs. The Kansas School of the Blind will offer creation of clay pieces in the clay studio. Professional artists participating include Marcus Cain (Epstein Gallery), Devin Brown (JCDS), Debbie Scott Williams (photography) and Michelle Gressel (mixed media).

C.L. Hoover Opera House, Junction City, \$2,750

The C.L. Hoover Opera House will make technological upgrades to implement a fully functioning business structure that will allow the operations of the facility to move from the City of Junction City to an independent non-profit organization.

Accessible Arts, Kansas City, \$5,000

Accessible Arts will expand and diversify arts programming and involvement to better serve constituents with disabilities and the Kansas City community through the creation of an Accessible Arts Community Center.

Salina Art Center, Salina, \$5,000

The Salina Arts Center will develop a strategic communications framework and make technological upgrades to increase awareness of the Art Center and increase usage of the facility and its programs by citizens and visitors.

Erie Community Foundation, Erie, \$5,000

The Erie Community Foundation will design and build an outdoor public display for a set of 12 donated, metal sculptures to benefit the community by increasing traffic and tourism to Erie.

Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc., Cottonwood Falls, \$5,000

Symphony in the Flint Hills Inc., in collaboration with Camp Wood YMCA, will conduct a camp that integrates music instruction, performance and art with ecological study of the prairie landscape.

Lied Center, Lawrence, \$5,000

The Lied Center will conduct an arts integration workshop of educators in conjunction with their School Performance Series. The workshop will be conducted by the 24th Street Theatre Company. The workshop will provide teachers with skills, using theatre techniques to address Kansas College-Career Ready standards in language arts.

La Cygne Elementary PTO, La Cygne, \$1,200

The La Cygne Elementary PTO will host a two week drama residency with professional storyteller and drama instructor Jo Ho that will provide rural students with communication skills. Activities include a pre-residency workshop with teachers to target specific educational needs and integration of applicable current class curricula, public performances, and conduct a community workshop in collaboration with the La Cygne Genealogy Club and Historical Club.

Arts Partners, Wichita, \$5,000

Arts Partners will conduct a research project regarding the effectiveness of arts-integrated residencies and workshops, whether they increase engagement and interest in STEM subjects for students, and how teacher attitudes, beliefs and knowledge of STEM learning through the arts strategies change as a result of these programs.

Arts Council of Johnson County, Lenexa, \$5,000

The Arts Council of Johnson County will conduct three smART Exchange roundtables focusing on creative placemaking. These will include discussion among arts and non-arts organization about the intersection of arts with other fields in relation to issues important to the region in order to enhance the public's understanding of art in the community and further the development of a new program and/or policy change. The roundtables benefit the community by advocating for innovative projects that deeply integrate the arts into neighborhood development, community and social services and community identity.

Youth Symphony Association of Kansas City, Mission, \$5,000

The Youth Symphony Association of Kansas City will expand its Open House event by conducting a unique concert that will combine all four of its youth programs into one large 340 piece orchestra and increase audiences and usage of the historic Memorial Hall venue in Kansas City, Kansas.

Fisch Bowl, Wichita, \$10,000

The Fisch Bowl will make the Fisch Haus gallery and performance space ADA compliant through entrance modification and facility enhancements.

Newton Fox Theatre, Newton, \$5,000

The Newton Fox Theatre will make technological upgrades and marquee enhancements that will increase revenue, event marketing visibility, and supporter recognition.

Salina Arts and Humanities Foundation, Salina, \$5,000

Salina Arts and Humanities Foundation will conduct a community-wide dance residency with Hanan Misko, Lawrence Ballet Theatre and Communitas Dance that will incorporate professional performers, students and community members. Activities include public performances at the Smokey Hills River Festival, professional master classes and pre-festival workshops.

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