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The Arts Council of Indianapolis Seeks New President and CEO

The Arts Council of Indianapolis (ACI) is seeking a new President and CEO. The new President and CEO will serve as a collaborative leader and champion for the arts across central Indiana. This position will be responsible for the implementation of the ACI's strategic vision and overall administration of the organization. The ACI is seeking a passionate advocate of the arts to fill this role.

Earlier this year, former President and CEO of the ACI, Dave Lawrence, announced that he would be leaving the organization for a similar position with the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County in Lake Worth, Florida. Lawrence had been with the ACI for 19 years, and served as the President and CEO for the last nine. Shannon Linker, Vice President of the ACI and Director of Gallery 924, has been serving as Interim President while the ACI conducts a nationwide search for a new President and CEO.

"It is an exciting time in the Indy arts community with new arts organizations engaging new audiences and with many of our long standing institutions under new leadership. We feel certain this time of transition will lead to a very creative period of growth. We welcome the new energy and ideas a new CEO can bring" said Shannon Linker, Interim President.

The new President and CEO will report to the board of directors, and will be responsible for stakeholder engagement, advocacy, and resource development in support of ACI's mission.

The ACI employs 15 full-time and two part-time staff members. The organization is governed by a 21-member board of directors, under the leadership of Chair Ted Givens. Its current annual operating budget is \$3.2 million, with 79 percent received through contributions and government grants and 21 percent through rental, event, and interest income.

The ACI has served the Indianapolis community for more than 30 years. The arts and culture industry continues to thrive in the city, generating \$440 million in economic impact each year and employing 15,000 full-time positions. The city's arts attendance each year reaches more than seven million visits.

To conduct the nationwide search, the ACI has recruited Boston-based Arts Consulting Group.

For the full position description, click [here](#). Letters and resumes (electronic submissions preferred) can be submitted to:

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About the Arts Council of Indianapolis:

The Arts Council is an organization that advocates for the need and importance of broad community funding and support for a thriving arts scene; connects artists, audiences, businesses, foundations, and arts and cultural organizations with opportunities to expand central Indiana's creative vitality; and innovates by constantly pursuing and promoting programs that catalyze creative growth in central Indiana.

The Arts Council owns and operates two performance and exhibition spaces, the Indianapolis Artsgarden (attached to Circle Centre Mall) and Gallery 924 (at 924 N. Pennsylvania Street). The Arts Council allocates public funding to arts and cultural organizations through a competitive grant program; offers fellowship opportunities including the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship, the Transformational Impact Fellowship, the Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship, and the DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award; provides programs, services, and technical assistance for artists and arts organizations; and manages the city's public art program including the new Public Art for Neighborhoods initiative. The Indy Arts Guide provides a comprehensive arts calendar featuring thousands of events, performances, and exhibitions throughout central Indiana. For more information on the Arts Council, call [\(317\) 631-3301](tel:3176313301) or visit online at indyarts.org.

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