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**Details Announced for Public Art for Neighborhoods Fund:
2020-21 Community Connection Grants**

Arts Council launching neighborhood-centered grants for artists amid COVID-19

INDIANAPOLIS – Applications are now open for the new 2020-21 Community Connection grant program made possible by the Public Art for Neighborhoods Fund, the Arts Council of Indianapolis announced today. This \$50,000 initiative is designed to support the work of artists as they partner with neighborhood organizations to address the challenges of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and advancing racial justice priorities.

“Throughout the pandemic, our arts and cultural community has created a space of healing and connection for our residents,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “This grant program will build on our extensive support of the arts community by connecting our talented local artists and community organizations to bring restorative arts to more neighborhoods across Indianapolis.”

Through this grant program, artists will work with participating neighborhoods on a hyperlocal level to envision a more connected, healthy, and equitable future. Grants to support these creative collaborations range from \$500 and \$2,500 and applications will be reviewed by the Arts Council every two weeks. Awards will be made on a rolling basis until March 31 (or until funds are depleted) and projects must be completed by May 31. Artists, collectives of artists, and community organizations are invited to apply for grants at tinyurl.com/indyPAFN.

“This is another important investment in supporting our City’s recovery through creativity,” said Julie Goodman, Arts Council of Indianapolis President and CEO. “We are grateful for the City’s partnership in making these funds available to support more artist-led work in our neighborhoods as we look to the arts to help us emerge from the pandemic as a more inclusive, equitable, and empathetic community.”

This grant program is funded by the City of Indianapolis Public Art for Neighborhoods Ordinance (Ch. 271), which requires private developers of eligible projects to donate the equivalent of 1% of the value of cash incentives received by the developer to the Public Art for Neighborhoods Fund.

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