

City of Lansing Arts and Cultural Grant Program

2013-2014 Sense of Place Grant Recipients

Lansing Art Gallery – The “Sculptures in the Park” exhibition will be held June 1 - August 30, 2013 and will entice visitors and residents to discover the beauty, history, and vitality of Lansing through the display of original artworks. The Gallery will commission site-specific artworks (7-10) created by regional artists and will display these pieces at historic Wentworth Park in downtown Lansing. The artworks will serve to engage the public in considering the relationship between art and the environment, the history of Wentworth Park, and Lansing as a place to live, work, and play. The Arts Council has met with Lansing Art Gallery regarding progress of the exhibition and has provided guidance and support regarding promotions. Cathy Babcock will join Leslie Donaldson on a summer radio segment with Tim Barron (WLMI 92.9 FM) and the Arts Council will provide general promotion throughout the summer. Arts Council staff will be present at the launch of the project on June 1. Total grant award \$56,800.

Lansing Host Lions Club – Lansing Lions are developing a permanent Sensory Garden within Potter Park Zoo that is accessible to visitors of any age or ability during the zoo's hours of operation. The garden includes raised bed plantings, chimes and interpretive markers intended to educate and stimulate the use of all senses. The Sense of Place Grant program will allow the Lions to contract with local artist(s) to add as many as three permanent sculptures within the garden. Arts Council staff has helped to provide guidance on the program overall and has written and distributed the call to artists, drafted a press release for the call, helped the Lions conduct a panel review process, provided sample contracts as well as acceptance and decline letters, and has provided overall general guidance on the project to the Club. Arts Council staff will be present at the installation and official unveiling of the artworks once scheduled. Total grant award \$13,200.

Lansing Symphony Association – The Lansing Symphony Orchestra will conduct a free outdoor summer pops concert held at Adado Riverfront Park in downtown Lansing on June 5, 2013. The "Pick Your Picnic Pops!" concert will feature the “Music of the 80s” highlighting the full Lansing Symphony Orchestra with a special guests Jerry Lee Stern and Michael Seelbach. Tim Barron will emcee. The concert program was chosen by the public through a special campaign that allowed members of the community to "vote" for their favorite pop theme. The Arts Council has spoken with the Lansing Symphony regarding concert planning, promotion, and themes and is providing general promotional support to the Symphony in the spring and early summer. Arts Council staff will be present for the event on Wednesday, June 5. Total grant award \$45,000.

Reach Studio Art Center – “REACH Teen Open Studio Project” participants will create up to three community art projects, develop short documentaries on the creation of their artwork, and will develop documentaries on previous public art created by other artists in Lansing. The creation of the public artworks will include students learning about the history of public art in Lansing. Reach participants will also work with local artists, develop online portfolios for college/scholarship applications, and produce the documentaries to be broadcast on the REACH TV show on the Lansing Public Access station (broadcasting and equipment supported by the City of Lansing Media Grants). The Arts Council has spoken regularly with Reach regarding the progress of the public art projects, legal issues, and liability. The Arts Council will

also continue to provide guidance regarding public placement of the works and will join Reach and the participating teens as they install the glass solar system at their celebration event on Saturday, June 8. Total grant award \$10,000.

Total Grants Funds for Projects: \$125,000

2014-2015 Sense of Place Grant Recipients

Lansing Art Gallery

Lansing Art Gallery will implement Project Pop UP, an art initiative between artists, community members, businesses, and organizations within the region. The project will showcase and support creativity and increase collaboration between civic, non-profit, and for-profit partners. Activities will activate unexpected public or private spaces with a changing rotation of artful experiences. Activities will inspire community commitment and civic action. Pop UPs will be free and accessible to the public, including people with disabilities. **Amount Awarded: \$47,250**

Lansing Symphony Orchestra

The 2015 Summer Pops Concert will feature the full Lansing Symphony Orchestra with a special guest artist in a program of popular music. The concert program will be chosen by the public through a special media and social media campaign that allows members of the community to "vote" for their favorite program. The concert will be held at Adado Riverfront Park on June 10, 2015. **Amount Awarded: \$20,000**

Michigan Energy Options

Healthy and Green for Everyone: Bike Rack Art in South Lansing is an idea for an installation of metal sculpture bike rack and repair stations at three Ingham Community Health Center locations in South Lansing. **Amount Awarded: \$13,445**

Old Town Commercial Association

ScrapFest is a free art festival in Old Town Lansing. Twenty teams gather scrap material from Friedland Industries to create works of art (functional and decorative). These works are displayed at ScrapFest. Festival also encompasses artist booths in a variety of media, including repurposed wares. Activity and educational area provides hands-on awareness of repurposing and recycling in Lansing. Permanent educational signage for installed Old Town ScrapFest sculptures. Festival includes food/beverages and a stage with live entertainment. **Amount Awarded: \$20,000**

R.E. Olds Transportation Museum

The "Community Heart of REO" is a project that focuses on the creation and installation of a large mural to be mounted in the historic REO Town district in Lansing. This building is owned by QD and is one of the original REO buildings. **Amount Awarded: \$19,305**

TOTAL GRANTED: \$120,000

2016 Sense of Place Grant Recipients

LANSING ART GALLERY

Project: Lansing Art Gallery will implement The Great Art Giveaway, a collaborative project involving artists, residents, businesses and visitors. The project will activate underutilized public newspaper kiosks, which will be artfully transformed and will distribute FREE limited-edition artwork by Michigan artists weekly. In conjunction with artwork delivery, the gallery will feature a free artist demonstration event and artwork signing from noon – 1 p.m. on each Wednesday throughout the summer of 2016.

Award: \$7,500

LANSING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Project: The Lansing Symphony Orchestra will present “Symphonic Cinema,” a free, public, orchestral concert in downtown Lansing featuring original film footage created by local filmmakers. The concert will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Lansing Center. The date has been chosen so that the LSO can easily partner with the Capital City Film Festival (CCFF). “Symphonic Cinema” will be performed the evening before the CCFF begins.

Award: \$20,000

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

Project: Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art will present the Great American Fish Rodeo. Like popular fish rodeos around the nation, the anchor event is a major fishing tournament on the Grand River. But this fish rodeo is also a two-day FESTIVAL -- with professional musicians and multi-cultural groups on stage, an art market and plein air painting, themed creative writing contest, great food and a biergarten, children's activities, an education tent, boating events, and more. It can be fully enjoyed free of charge. And all in downtown Lansing's beautiful Riverfront Park!

Award: \$5,000

OLD TOWN COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

Project: The Old Town Commercial Association will create and install permanent signage for their self-guided historical tour and wayfinding signs for Old Town businesses, natural attractions, and regional attractions.

Award: \$2,500

REACH STUDIO ART CENTER

Project: REACH Studio Art Center will produce “SenseFence”, a permanent 70 foot, interactive sculpture fence will be community designed and installed along the public alley behind REACH. The installation will be a combination of metal, concrete and wood and include parts that can be moved or manipulated to make sounds or invite sensory play. SenseFence will serve as a visually inviting boarder to REACH's new courtyard and be easily accessed and enjoyed by neighborhood residents as well as visitors to REO Town.

Award: \$5,000

REO TOWN COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

Project: REO Town Commercial Association will construct a permanent outdoor event space in REO Town with the necessary infrastructure for a variety of events.

Award: \$5,000

Total 2016 Awards: \$45,000

2017 Arts Impact Project

A town square or gathering place with a permanent sculpture to capture the visual representation of the community it resides in.

Amount Awarded: \$75,000

2017 Sense of Place Grant Recipients

\$8300 – Lansing Art Gallery

Lansing Art Gallery will implement Pop Up Art: 2017, a collaborative project involving artists, residents, businesses and visitors. Expanding upon previous public art projects, 2017 activities will artfully transform underutilized public newspaper kiosks to distribute FREE newspapers and showcase Michigan-made artwork. The gallery will coordinate free demonstrations of the 12 selected artists' processes, food offerings, and seating during noontime on Wednesdays throughout the summer of 2017.

\$20,000 – Lansing Symphony Orchestra

"Symphonic Cinema" is a free, public, orchestral concert in Downtown Lansing featuring a live musical performance set to silent film. The concert will take place on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the centrally located and fully accessible Lansing Center. The selected date is strategically chosen to coincide with the beginning of the seventh annual Capital City Film Festival, a key project partner.

\$7,500 – Refugee Development Center

Newcomer Voices will launch at a community wide cultural festival, ThanksLANSING, where we will document 20 stories of refugees who have resettled in the greater Lansing utilizing media arts. From there, participants will represent their story via artistic representation through tile mosaic. The final product will comprise of mosaic of tile, clay and media representing the multitude of newcomer stories sparking conversation and understanding.

\$9,200 – REO Town Commercial Association

The REO Town Commercial Association will add murals to the bike lanes along Washington Avenue, similar to painted crosswalks and medians executed in other cities. The murals would be installed in conjunction with the 2017 Art Attack. We would also like to stripe the rest of REO Town's bike lanes with 'bike lane green' paint and install a bike repair station in REO Town.

Total Awarded: \$45,000

2018 First Impressions Arts Impact Project

LANSING'S STORY (working title) is a large-scale visual art piece to be located in the heart of downtown Lansing. Using animation, sound effects, film and 3-D modeling, light installations will be projected onto prominent Lansing architecture, perfectly mapping the features of the building. The projection, created through new technology called video mapping or spatial augmented reality, will be several stories tall and nearly 5,000 square feet in total.

This lighted, animated, installation will be a spectacular and innovative addition to Lansing's physical landscape, adding a new dimension to Lansing's skyline throughout the entire year. Every night at the same time, the work will project iconic images from our past and present to tell Lansing's story, engaging residents, attracting tourists from near and far and inspiring the future of our community.

Art installations such as these connect the community to contemporary art and can be found on landmark buildings all over the world, including the Sydney Opera House, the Brooklyn Bridge and the UK Parliament Building. New Orleans also uses video-mapping technology to create light installations all across its city for its annual LUNA Fete, a unique festival of lights.

The project will leverage the technical expertise of the Capital City Film Festival, utilizing Lansing Public Media Center projection-equipment and the creative horsepower of Light Harvest Studios in New York City.

Amount Awarded: \$75,000

2018 First Impressions Grant Recipients

PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT:

Community Circle Players, Inc. (dba Riverwalk Theatre)

We request operational support for our 29th Season which includes 13 plays and musicals, and other performances.

Award: \$6,500

Impression 5 Science Center

Impression 5 is requesting \$9,500 for programmatic support to sustain hands-on exhibit design, development, and fabrication, and year-round educational programs that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM); raise the visibility of Impression 5 as a cultural attraction; utilize the talents and creativity of local artists and educators; and build capacity for STEAM education in the City of Lansing and Capital Region.

Award: \$9,500

Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center

Serving as one of Michigan's key cultural resources, Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center inspires and ignites passion for the visual arts, providing a forum for self-expression and community engagement. The Gallery offers free and accessible opportunities to experience the visual arts through high-quality art exhibitions, educational programming, and a gallery featuring Michigan artists.

Award: \$6,500

Lansing Symphony Association, Inc.

Since 1929 LSO has been the premier performing arts organization in the city of Lansing, serving tens of thousands of residents annually. LSO fulfills its mission of "enriching lives through excellence in music and in education outreach, by presenting numerous public performances including six MasterWorks concerts, three Pops concerts, four Chamber concerts, two Jazz Band concerts, and Young People's Concerts. Education and outreach programs also reach preschoolers to adult learners.

Award: \$9,500

R.E. Olds Transportation Museum

The funds we are requesting from the Programmatic Support Grant will be used to help re-roof the museum which is in dire need and has not been re-roofed since 1992. The project will make it possible to safely display, collect and exhibit historical items within the museum along with improve the security of our equipment and office spaces.

Award: \$6,500

REACH Studio Art Center

The grant will support REACH Studio educational art programs for all ages of participants in after-school art programs and classes, summer art camps, off-site engagements, and community art projects. REACH uses a multi-disciplinary approach with a visual arts foundation to engage youth and adult participants in learning.

Award: \$6,500

CREATIVE PLACEMAKING GRANTS:

Capital City Film Festival

Project: Capital City Film Festival 2018: Free Fusion Series

CCFF requests support in building out a comprehensive set of events focusing on the cohesion of cinema and music - the Free Fusion Series at the 2018 Capital City Film Festival with a projected 2,500 attendees. The series will feature a Charlie Chaplin short film collection with old-time klezmer music, an avant garde jazz-rock mashup with contemporary films, and an orchestral ensemble performing to classic cartoons.

Award: \$5,000

Impression 5 Science Center

Project: Impression 5 Science Center Planet Walk Plaza

Impression 5 is requesting a City of Lansing First Impressions Program grant for support of a Creative Placemaking project focused on the creation of the Planet Walk Plaza. The Planet Walk Plaza will be located outside of Impression 5 near the River Trail and Riverwalk Theater, and will feature a functional sundial sculpture and an ADA-accessible gathering space.

Award: \$5,000

Lansing Poetry Club

Project: Sidewalk Poetry in Lansing

Lansing Poetry Club proposes a placemaking project that uses poetry to create 8-9 specific spaces in Lansing. The spaces we have in mind are in the corridor from Old Town to REO Town and east to the Stadium District and the Eastside. We will engage the community to write these poems that celebrate our community and these spaces via a competition judged by local poets. Winning poems will be etched in sidewalks by Endless Engraving of Charlotte. The etchings meet all ADA requirements.

Award: \$5,000

REACH Studio Art Center

Project: Street Theater Puppets and Paraphernalia

The Street Theater Puppets & Paraphernalia Project will involve our REO Town neighbors, the Robin Theater, local artists and other performing arts groups such as Happendance to plan, design and implement the construction of large puppets, banners and flags to be used in street theater performances and parades during summer 2018 events in the REO Town District of Lansing.

Award: \$5,000

Total 2018 Awards:

\$65,000