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**FIVE WINGS ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
ARTS BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications for Five Wings Arts Council's Arts Based Community Development (ABCD) grant program are now **being accepted until May 10th at 11:59pm**. Grants of up to \$7,500 will be awarded for projects that use arts, collaboration, and community engagement as a means to address a pressing community issue.

What is Arts Based Community Development?

Arts based community development happens when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture to address issues facing the community-placing arts at the table with health/human services, agriculture/food, economic development, environment/open spaces, housing, land use, transportation, youth development, public safety, immigration/social justice, civic participation, and/or community cohesion.

In this field of work, collaborative, innovative projects build stronger communities and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors within the community. Successful arts based community development projects reflect local partnerships, local impact and careful project planning. Examples of successful ABCD grant projects include Wadena's Crossroads Project, Wellness in the Woods' Acts of Solace, and the Brainerd Public Library's Outdoor Musical Instrument Installation.



FWAC's Arts Based Community Development Grants

ABCD grant projects may be new initiatives or the expansion of an existing arts and community development project. The project must involve a collaboration between at least one arts organization and/or artist and one non-arts organization, each with clearly defined roles related to the project. Artists or arts organizations should play a leadership role in the core conception, planning, implementation and evaluation of the project. The project must engage community members by providing avenues for their involvement and interaction at some level in its planning, implementation, or evaluation.

The Arts Based Community Development (ABCD) grant program is open to any nonprofit 501c3 organization, organizations or group without nonprofit designation but using a 501c3 fiscal agent, school, or local government entity serving Minnesota counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and/or Wadena Counties.

Interested applicants should contact Vicki Chepulis, FWAC Grants & Program Coordinator at vicki.fwac@arvig.net to discuss project ideas to confirm eligibility.

ABCD funds are provided through a general fund appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature and Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Check the Five Wings Arts Council's website at www.fwac.org for further details about grant program guidelines and the application process, or call 877-654-2166 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net, or go directly to this link: [FWAC ABCD Grant Guidelines & Instructions](#)

The Five Wings Arts Council is one of eleven regional arts councils in Minnesota. Its mission is to encourage and promote arts creation, appreciation, and education through grant programs and technical assistance in order to enhance the quality of life for Minnesota residents in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena

FWAC's OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS:

Community Arts Access Project (CAAP): Applications for the next round of Grants of Community Arts Access Project grant program are due by April 15, 2020.

Applications for Small Grants, School Art Project Grants, Individual Artist Grants are accepted on an ongoing basis. Please note that grant applications must be received by the first Friday of the month in order to be considered at that month's FWAC board meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. (Note: Board does not meet during July or December each year)

Check out www.fwac.org/grants for details.

