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**Grant Writing Best Practices Workshop for Artist
Initiative Grant Program WORKSHOP**
Thursday, May 23, 2019 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Brainerd Public Library | 416 South 5th Street, Brainerd,
Minnesota 56401

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Do you want to know how to write and apply for a grant to help increase your presence as a visual artist? The Minnesota State Arts Board and Five Wings Art Council is holding a FREE workshop to help professional artists with grant writing.

The focus of the Artist Initiative workshop is visual arts (media, photography, 2- and 3-dimensional art). The deadline for this program is **June 28, 2019**, and applications must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. Whether you plan to submit an application, are considering applying in a future round, are curious to learn more about the Artist Initiative grant program and grant writing, or would like to meet other artists, the Arts Board welcomes you.

Arts Board program officer Sherrie Fernandez-Williams will provide an overview of the Artist Initiative grant program, including eligibility requirements, and take participants on a deeper dive into the grant writing application process specific to this program.

Sherrie will be joined by Artist Initiative grantee and local artist Nick DeVries to share best practices and common mistakes made on grant proposals. The workshop is designed to be hands-on and interactive, providing participants with the space to learn from the shared wisdom of fellow artists, and the opportunity to support one another through the process. The goal is to help participants gain the confidence and a comprehensive understanding of the program to ultimately develop a successful grant proposal. Five Wings Regional Arts Council staff will make a brief presentation and be available for questions.

In addition, Sherrie will be holding individual meetings with artists and community members to answer questions, discuss proposals, and/or to provide feedback. Individual meetings are 20 minutes in length and available on May 23, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Coco Moon Coffee Bar. If you are interested in meeting with Sherrie, please e-mail her at sherrie.fernandez-williams@arts.state.mn.us. In your e-mail to Sherrie, please offer a time that works with your schedule that occurs within these time slots.

The Arts Board extends appreciation to Brainerd Public Library for partnering with the agency to host the workshop. The agency is also grateful for Nick DeVries' participation in sharing his experience and insights as a grantee who has applied for grant funding.

The Artist Initiative grant program supports and assists professional Minnesota artists at various stages of their careers through encouraging artistic development, helping artists gain visibility with audiences, and strengthening career and professional skills. If you would like more information about the Artist Initiative grant program, please visit the Arts Board Web site: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/artist-initiative.htm>