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ArtsWave announces new one-time grants to support projects that complement and augment the BLINK® experience

July 19, 2022 – ArtsWave, the region's engine for the arts, has opened applications for its Fall 2022 Mini-Grant Program, offering support for local artists and organizations to create short-term projects that supplement and augment the BLINK®, illuminated by ArtsWave, experience, coming this October 13-16. Each project, although not officially part of BLINK, will complement the event's theme, “where the community comes together to play,” and will be a part of ArtsWave's all-new ancillary and adjacent BLINK experience, “Local Illuminations.”

ArtsWave encourages artists of all artistic disciplines living in the Cincinnati region to apply for up to \$2,500 per project or 50% of the project's budget. A total of 25-35 grants are expected to be made through this competitive process. Average grants will range from \$1,000-\$1,500.

Prospective applicants can drop in to a Zoom Q&A session at noon on July 26, 2022, which can be accessed at artswave.org/apply, along with detailed guidelines and information. The deadline to apply is August 2, 2022, with a decision date on or about August 26, 2022.

Winning projects will be selected based on eligibility guidelines and the extent to which it is innovative, artistic in nature and complementary to BLINK's theme of “play.” Also, winning projects will align with and advance [ArtsWave's Blueprint for Collective Action](#) goal of Putting Cincy on the Map.

Applicants can find eligibility guidelines, program requirements and application instructions for the ArtsWave Fall 2022 Mini-Grants at artswave.org/apply.

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About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the engine for the arts. Its roots stem back to the late 1920s when the Cincinnati Taft family provided initial investment matched by community support. In the late 1940s, it evolved to become the first united arts fund in the nation and in the mid-1970s, the first organization to initiate workplace giving for the arts. ArtsWave continues to innovate while leading, as illustrated by its No. 1 rank nationally in community arts fundraising; coordination of a sector-wide Blueprint for Collective Action; piloting of new technologies to maximize arts engagement; and development of resources for the arts.

Strong funding for the arts has allowed Cincinnati's arts and culture scene to become a national draw and regional asset, creating a wave of economic and community benefits. Each year, ArtsWave supports the work of over 100 arts organizations, school outreach programs, festivals, community centers, neighborhoods and various collaborations through impact-based grants. ArtsWave raised \$11 million for the arts in 2021, despite the difficult 18-month health and economic crisis that has affected the entire region. Donations can be made at artswave.org/give.

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