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ArtsWave Awards \$118,000 in Grants Throughout the Region

CINCINNATI (April 12, 2019) — Friday afternoon, the Board of Directors for ArtsWave, the region’s funder of the arts through the help of tens of thousands of community donations, approved the distribution of \$118,000 in grants to 29 organizations across the region for various projects.

All of the approved projects were one-time Catalyzing Impact Grants that further ArtsWave’s vision to create a more vibrant and connected community, emphasizing one or more of the arts sector’s [Blueprint for Collective Action](#) goals.

Nearly one-third (nine of the 29 organizations) are receiving monies for the first time from ArtsWave. ArtsWave President & CEO of ArtsWave Alecia Kintner noted, “Expanding the breadth of arts is important to creating an inclusive and reflective community that’s able to connect all of us. This variety jumpstarts our neighborhoods, fueling an economic boost as well.”

In total, 76 organizations applied for funding with \$615,191 in total project requests, representing the largest number applying in a grant cycle for this type of funding.

ArtsWave provides Catalyzing Impact Grants twice a year — one in the fall, the other in the spring. For more information on ArtsWave's grant and other funding opportunities, visit ArtsWave.org/Funding.

All of these projects are being funded through the 2019 ArtsWave Community Campaign and the support of nearly 40,000 residents, corporations and foundations.

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About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the lead planner, promoter and fundraiser 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 ripple effect 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. In 2018, ArtsWave raised more than \$12 million for the region's arts, marking its fifth year in a row of this funding magnitude. ArtsWave remains the largest community campaign for the arts throughout the country, both in total contributions and number of donors. In addition, the organization partners with the Cincinnati USA Regional Tourism Network to fund an additional \$1 million for arts marketing, grants and services.