

Community Connections: Southeast Arts Project Grants are intended to bring together residents in Southeast Fort Wayne to enhance a sense of pride in shared community spaces, strengthen relationships between members of the community, augment existing community development efforts and activities, and celebrate both the history and culture of residents by encouraging community participation in a unique artistic experience. The vision of this program is to enlist residents in creating vibrant communities in which they have a voice by promoting healthy partnerships with local organizations and fostering an environment that attracts further business and economic development.

Community Connections: Southeast Arts Project Grants is a grant program administered by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and Energized by NIPSCO and the NiSource Charitable Foundation.

Applications will be reviewed on the following evaluation criteria:

COMMUNITY IMPACT (25 points)

- Project will positively impact residents of Southeast Fort Wayne using a unique and engaging artistic experience (10 points)
- Project will encourage community participation in the arts (10 points)
- Project includes an artist (5 points)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT (30 points)

- Application includes detailed information on who will make the project happen (10 pts)
- Project will be managed by residents living in, or an organization located in, the Southeast quadrant for Fort Wayne (10 points)
- Application includes a realistic timeline for project completion (5 points)
- Application outlines a clear marketing plan and/or promotional strategy (5 points)

PROJECT BUDGET (25 points)

- Requested amount is within eligible range of \$500-\$5,000 (5 points)
- Project budget includes eligible expenses (10 points)
- Project budget is balanced (5 points)
- Application provides information on what will occur if grant funds are not received (5 points)