

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The vision of the **Community Connections** program is to enlist residents in creating vibrant neighborhoods and 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 through arts experiences.

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.

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.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Grants will provide funding to support arts and culture projects and activities physically occurring in Southeast Fort Wayne. Possible projects include, but are not limited to: Annual Festivals; Art, Dance, Music, or Theater Classes; Cultural Celebrations; Interactive Arts Experiences; Public Art Projects.

Applicants may apply for a grant between \$500-\$5,000 to fund their project. Eligible expenses should directly relate to the arts and culture component of the project.

Arts United will recruit 50% or more of the grant review panel from individuals living and/or actively working in the southeast quadrant of Fort Wayne. This is to ensure that people living in Southeast Fort Wayne have a voice in what projects they want funded in their immediate neighborhoods.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants must live or be physically located in the southeast quadrant of Fort Wayne. This area includes all neighborhoods within city limits that are east of Calhoun Street and south of the Maumee River. Resources and organizations that are located outside of the southeast quadrant can be involved with a project, but cannot apply on behalf of individuals or organizations that reside in that area of the city. Eligible applicants include: Art Collectives; Businesses; Churches; Individuals; Neighborhood Associations; Nonprofit Organizations; Schools.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2024:	Application Available at www.artsunited.org/resources/grants/guidelines
Wednesday, April 17, 2024:	Applications Due by 6:30 pm
Friday, May 17, 2024:	Grant Awards Announced

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