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ArtsKC Recommended for \$20K NEA Grant

Kansas City, MO (June 13, 2017) – ArtsKC-Regional Arts Council has been recommended for \$20,000 in funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for ArtsKCGo.com, a new arts and cultural events website that launched to the public on June 2. This funding recommendation is contingent upon final NEA review. The Council has consistently received NEA funding in the past for programs and services that promote arts and culture.

Dana Knapp, President and CEO of ArtsKC, commented on the importance of funding for the arts and for the NEA to continue to thrive: “The major driver of arts initiatives across the country is the NEA, an independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts. ArtsKC is honored to receive the NEA funding recommendation for ArtsKCGo.com. We are providing the website as a free service to local arts and cultural organizations to help increase audience engagement. Additionally, the guide gives community members and tourists alike a central place to find events. The NEA funding will enable ArtsKC to provide the resources needed to continue to expand ArtsKCGo.com. We plan to add an artist directory, a public art directory an arts education section and a classifieds section.

In addition to the recommended funding that ArtsKC may receive, NEA Chair Jane Chu has approved more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects across the country. The NEA received 1,728 Art Works applications and will make 1,029 grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

“The arts reflect the vision, energy and talent of America’s artists and arts organizations,” Chu said. “The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support organizations such as ArtsKC, in serving their communities by providing excellent and accessible arts experiences.”

About the ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council:

ArtsKC is a regional nonprofit arts council that promotes, supports and advocates for the arts across a five-county region. We promote art in all its forms, including events, performances, exhibits, music, theater, visual art and poetry. We support arts organizations, individual artists and arts programs of every size by awarding more than 100 grants annually to help fund their missions and projects. We advocate for the arts by bringing together key constituents to lobby for increasing arts funding and by fighting for issues that advance the arts. The mission of ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council is to unleash the power of the arts. Please visit www.ArtsKC.org for more information.

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