

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-064

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA) OUR
TOWN GRANT APPLICATION

- WHEREAS, Our Town is the NEA’s creative placemaking grants program; and
- WHEREAS, Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term; and
- WHEREAS, Competitive projects are responsive to unique local conditions, develop meaningful and substantive engagement in communities, center equity, advance artful lives, and lay the groundwork for long-term systems change; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Northfield’s vision is for a Northfield that is an open, safe, and welcoming community, recognized for its world-class colleges and historic riverfront downtown, and is dedicated to sustainably enhancing and preserving its vibrant culture, celebrated arts, strong economy, and an excellent quality of life where all can thrive; and
- WHEREAS, Placemaking is an inclusive, participatory, and community-driven practice integrating arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities; and
- WHEREAS, The Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan calls for wayfinding and aesthetic improvements that include public art, laying an important foundation for a placemaking plan; and
- WHEREAS, In cooperation with existing city departments and with the city council, the Arts and Culture Commission lists among their responsibilities developing and advocating design standards for city facilities, public areas, and private development; and
- WHEREAS, Developing an inclusive, community-driven, artist-created plan for how public art will enhance Northfield’s riverfront parks and public spaces downtown would advance a coherent image of Northfield as a place of unique aesthetic, architectural, and cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS, NEA funding would help the City to expand capacity beyond the Percent for the Arts to create memorable, culturally significant works of art for the public to enjoy; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Northfield is committed to providing the necessary matching funds and in-kind contributions to support the grant application and project implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:
Northfield City Council supports the Arts and Culture Commission’s NEA Our Town grant application.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18th day of June 2024.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ____ POWNELL ____ HOLMES ____ NESS ____ PETERSON WHITE
____ REISTER ____ SOKUP ____ ZUCCOLOTTO