

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-073
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)
GRANTS FOR ARTS PROJECTS APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The NEA Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) offer extensive funding opportunities to enhance the nation's arts and culture ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, The NEA has shown particular interest in projects that celebrate the nation's creativity and cultural heritage, particularly those involving Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, On November 17, 2020, the City of Northfield adopted the following Land Acknowledgment Statement: "We stand on the homelands of the Wahpekute and other Bands of the Dakota Nation. We honor with gratitude the people who have stewarded the land throughout the generations and their ongoing contributions to this region. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota Nation, and we wish to interrupt this legacy, beginning with acts of healing and honest storytelling about this place"; and

WHEREAS, The Art in Public Places Policy designates the role of the Arts and Culture Commission to advocate for art that enhances the aesthetic environment of public spaces, such as buildings, roads, paths, sidewalks, and landscapes, through high-quality public art, including both permanent and temporary installations, contributing to community identity and sense of place; and

WHEREAS, The Arts and Culture Commission is collaborating with local indigenous artists Marlena Myles (Dakota, Minneapolis) and John Sterner (Lakota, Marshall) to create public artwork in Bridge Square that centers the stories, traditions, and perspectives of Native Americans, in line with the city's land acknowledgment statement; and

WHEREAS, All city Capital Improvement Projects' budgets shall include an amount equal to 1% of the projected construction costs to be allocated for public art; and

WHEREAS, NEA funding would enable the City to expand its capacity beyond the Percent for the Arts to create memorable, culturally significant public artworks; 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:

1. the Northfield City Council supports the Arts and Culture Commission's application for the NEA Grants for Arts Projects grant.

2. The City Administrator or their designee are hereby authorized to submit the grant and related materials.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 9th day of July 2024.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

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