

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-0xx  
A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPROVAL OF APPROVAL OF NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA) GRANTS FOR ARTS PROJECTS GRANT  
APPLICATION.

- WHEREAS, The NEA Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides expansive funding opportunities to strengthen the nation's arts and culture ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS, The NEA has expressed particular interest in projects that celebrate the nation's creativity and/or cultural heritage, and those that originate from or are in collaboration with Native Americans; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Northfield adopted the following Land Acknowledgment Statement on November 17, 2020: 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 identifies the role of the Arts and Culture Commission as advocating for art that enhances the aesthetic environment of public places, such as buildings, roads, paths, sidewalks, and landscapes, through high-quality public art, including permanent and temporary art installations and Contributes to community identity and place; and
- WHEREAS, The Arts and Culture Commission is working 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, and is in keeping with the commitment in the city's land acknowledgement statement; and
- WHEREAS, All budgets for city Capital Improvement Projects shall include an amount equal to 1% of the projected Construction Costs to be used for the costs of Public Art; 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.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:  
Northfield City Council supports the Arts and Culture Commission's NEA Grants for Arts Projects grant application.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:   \_\_\_ POWNELL   \_\_\_ HOLMES   \_\_\_ NESS   \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE  
          REISTER   \_\_\_ SOKUP   \_\_\_ ZUCCOLOTTO