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Artspace Receives North Dakota Tourism Grant for Minot Artspace Lofts

Artspace is pleased to announce that it has received a $23,000 Tourism Expansion grant from the North Dakota Department of Commerce for the Minot Artspace Lofts. The award acknowledges that the Minot Artspace Lofts will promote cultural tourism and strengthen Minot as a tourism destination through the development of a diverse mixed-use arts and culture facility. Funds from the award will be used to complete construction of the 3,000 square feet of street-level non-residential spaces in the new facility.

The Minot Artspace Lofts is a $9.4 million project that will serve as an arts anchor for the city of Minot. The project offers 34 units of affordable live/work space for artists and their families where artists create art, exhibit artwork, and host community engaging events for visitors in an open public community space. The nonprofit arts organizations in the non-residential spaces include the Turtle Mountain Tribal Arts Association Native American Art Gallery and Resource Center; the Minot Area Council of the Arts; and The Children's Music Academy.

The Turtle Mountain Tribal Arts Association will open a unique gallery showcasing the art and culture of the Ojibwa, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, and Sioux artists of North Dakota. Native American artwork will be exhibited and sold and public classes and workshops are planned. The Minot Area Council of the Arts has a long history of serving the community through their ongoing programs including the Integrity Jazz Festival and Arts in the Parks, a free summer concert series.

"The foundation is extremely excited to see this project come to life in our community. The Artspace project is more important now than it has ever been. Minot has seen a lot of change from booming industries to rebuilding of the community; we are not the same but keeping the 'magic' in the Magic City remains a goal of all of ours," said Ken Kitzman, president of the Minot Area Community Foundation. "We need Artspace and other creative thinkers to help us maintain our unique identity."

Letters in support of the grant application came from the Mayor of Minot, the Minot Area Community Foundation, the Taube Museum of Art, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and the Minot State University Native American Cultural Center.

This is the seventh year the ND Department of Commerce has offered the grant program to help the tourism industry of North Dakota grow.

Minot Artspace Lofts is nearing completion and applications for residential leases are now available on the Artspace website at www.artspace.org.

Artspace President Kelley Lindquist applauded North Dakota for their support of Minot Artspace Lofts.

“We’re proud to be working in North Dakota and helping Minot maintain its strong arts and cultural heritage,” Lindquist said. “I’m grateful to the very active and engaged community leaders and artists who are helping make this possible.”

About Artspace

For more than 30 years, Artspace has brought its hard-earned expertise to more than 200 cultural facility planning efforts from coast to coast. Of these projects, 32 have been developed and are owned and operated by Artspace itself, representing a unique, $600 million investment in America’s arts infrastructure. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Seattle and Washington D.C., Artspace is America’s leading developer of arts facilities. To date we have completed nearly 2,000 affordable live/work units for artists and their families as well as more than a million square feet of non-residential space for artists and arts organizations. Additional information is available at www.artspace.org.

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