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National Endowment for the Arts Awards Our Town Grant to Artspace Loveland

The Artspace development team and its local partners in Loveland, Colo. are pleased to announce a $50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town program. The grant will support "Arts @ the Feed & Grain," an arts programming and engagement initiative to operate a temporary gallery and a series of major events at the Feed and Grain site in downtown Loveland. The "Arts @ the Feed & Grain" activities are designed to animate the empty structure while design work is underway to renovate the building as part of the Artspace Loveland arts campus project.

The Our Town grant comes on the heels of a recent national award from ArtPlace America to the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, supporting the development of the Artspace Loveland project and the current gallery and events program initiative. Both funders view the initiative as a model for other communities looking to use the arts as a downtown revitalization strategy.

"We're so pleased that the NEA recognized the great work happening now in Loveland," said Kelley Lindquist, president of Artspace. "This grant will enable the wonderfully active community of artists in Loveland to continue their great work while Artspace Loveland is developed."

Since the Our Town program's inception in 2011, the NEA has supported 190 projects totaling

more than $16 million in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For the 2013 round the NEA has announced plans to award 59 grants in 36 states totaling $4.7 million to fund projects that engage the arts to help shape the social, physical, and economic character of communities. The Artspace award for the “Arts @ the Feed & Grain” Loveland project is the only grant going to the state of Colorado.

The Artspace Loveland arts campus project is on track with a goal to begin construction by the end of the year. All financing for the $8.9 million project is secured with the exception of the last $679,000 needed in private sources. Construction will start on both the artist housing and the Feed and Grain components as final fundraising is ongoing.

About Artspace

With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Seattle and Washington, DC, Artspace is America’s leader in artist-led community transformation with 33 projects in operation in 13 states. To date Artspace has completed more than 1,500 affordable live/work units for artists and their families as well as a million square feet of non-residential space for artists, arts organizations and creative enterprises. Additional information is available at www.artspace.org.

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