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## **ARTSPACE RECIEVES \$2.25 MILLION GRANT FROM KRESGE FOUNDATION**

### **Two year grant will support Artspace operations and work in Detroit**

Artspace is pleased to announce a major grant from the Kresge Foundation that will support the organization's operations as well as allow Artspace to provide its expertise to the development of live/work and creative spaces in Detroit.

The portion of the Kresge grant that is earmarked for consulting work in Detroit, which has emerged as a national hot-spot for cultural development efforts, will allow Artspace to assist local CDCs, arts organizations, individuals and others in leveraging the arts to help build better communities.

"Artspace has been a valued partner in the Arts and Culture Program's continued investigation of how to integrate arts and culture into community revitalization," said Kresge's Regina Smith. "In recent years, it has connected artist housing projects to the improvement of the fundamental conditions in disinvested neighborhoods such as the Bell School in New Orleans' Treme neighborhood, El Barrio's Artspace PS 109 in Harlem and Minot Artspace Lofts in Minot, North Dakota among others.

"We're particularly excited about this grant, which builds on a sequence of investments by Kresge in Artspace," she continued. "In addition to supporting its general operations -- and in close partnership with our Detroit Program -- Artspace will be available to serve in an advisory capacity to individuals and organizations interested or in the process of developing artist live/work and creative spaces in Detroit."

With more than 30 years of experience in creative placemaking projects across the country, Artspace has developed projects in large cities where artists are at risk of gentrification, such as New York's East Harlem, Seattle and New Orleans; as well as smaller communities that seek to revitalize neighborhoods or spur economic development such as Council Bluffs, Iowa and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

"The Kresge Foundation has been a tremendous partner to Artspace in the past and we're thrilled and grateful to have their ongoing support," said Artspace President Kelley Lindquist. "We're excited about beginning work in Detroit and look forward to partnering with the numerous local organizations that are making the City such a vital center for the arts."

Since 2008, the Kresge Foundation has provided Artspace with more than \$9 million in support, including large capital grants for the Bell School Arts Campus in New Orleans and the Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts in Minneapolis, along with operational support and the creation of an operating reserve fund.

### **About Artspace**

Artspace is the nation's leader in artist-led community transformation, with more than 35 projects in operation across the country and another dozen in development, representing a unique, \$500 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 and has served as a consultant to hundreds of communities and arts organizations nationwide. 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](http://www.artspace.org).

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