

Press Kit

Artspace Windgate Campus

A creative hub for Little Rock
in the Historic East End

1102 E 8th St, Little Rock, AR 72202





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Our work is inspired by organizations that craft equitable and innovative resources to help artists, makers, educators, and communities thrive.

Windgate Foundation, based in Little Rock Arkansas, is a private foundation established in 1993 whose purpose is to advance contemporary craft and strengthen visual arts education in the United States. Education, health, and community initiatives are an additional area of focus in Arkansas.

Windgate provides grants in the following areas:

1. Contemporary Craft
2. Visual Arts in Education
3. Arkansas - Education, Health, Community

2022 Windgate by the Numbers

\$87,630,704

Granted Nationally

168

National Grants

\$41,366,068

Granted in Arkansas

57

Grants in Arkansas



Photo: Windgate Center of Art + Design,
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

America's leading nonprofit real estate developer for the arts.

Artspace is a nonprofit real estate organization dedicated to creating, fostering, and preserving affordable and sustainable housing and workspace for the creative workforce. We develop our properties to support stable, healthy communities rooted in existing assets. As America's leading developer for the arts, Artspace has also provided consultancy services to hundreds of communities and arts organizations nationwide.

We focus our efforts in 3 key areas:

1. Property Development
2. Consulting
3. Property Stewardship

Artspace Across the Country

59

Properties in
Operation

10

Properties in
Development

48

Properties
Now Leasing

230

Communities
Consulting
With Us

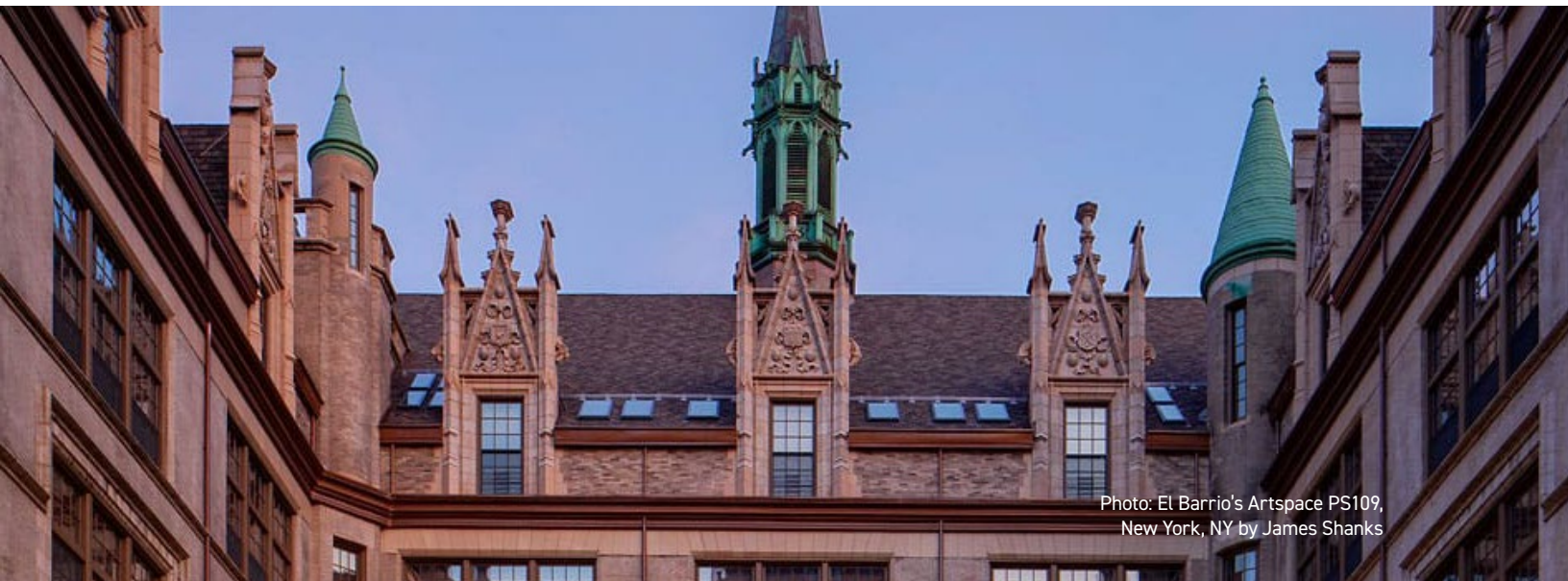


Photo: El Barrio's Artspace PS109,
New York, NY by James Shanks

Artspace Windgate Campus

Construction Phase

October 2024 to Spring 2026

Groundbreaking Event

October 9th, 2024



Artspace Windgate Campus grew out of a strategic effort to benefit community led by the Windgate Foundation with key support from civic leaders, arts organizations, local artists, and creative businesses.

Due to strong local momentum for the arts as a strategy for community development, Artspace worked with the Little Rock and North Little Rock communities beginning in 2018 to explore the feasibility of an Artspace live/work project. Located in the historic East End, and through its proximity to the Clinton Presidential Center, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts and the future home of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, the Artspace Windgate Campus will be another anchor for Little Rock's expanding arts and culture scene.

The new construction development is a four-story building that will provide 60 units of affordable live/work style housing designed for artists and their families, ten working artist-in-residence studios, ample event and gallery space including a large outdoor courtyard, and approximately 12,000 square feet of commercial space to provide space for local arts and cultural organizations. To designate Artspace Windgate Campus as a destination for the arts, public art components will include murals situated on the building's exterior spaces and sculptural components in the outdoor courtyard along College Street.

The exterior design reflects the level of artistic activity occurring within the multifamily affordable housing units and commercial studios. The units are one-, two-, and three- bedrooms, addressing the need for affordable housing for individual artists and their households. Artspace Windgate Campus will bridge geographic and cultural creative communities through a critical mass of residential units and commercial space that prioritizes a diverse creative workforce, and provides a sustainable home for a broad creative sector.

Units

60+ one-, two- and three bedrooms and 10 artist-in-residence units

Commercial Space

9,007 sq. ft.

Affordability

30-60% AMI (area median income)

Development Type

Live/work affordable artist housing. Mixed-use new construction.

Estimated Project Cost

\$36M



Project concept renders

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Groundbreaking — Oct. 9, 2024

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Artspace Windgate Campus Breaks Ground on Future Anchor of Arts and Culture Community

Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Little Rock, AR — Artspace Projects, Inc., America's leading developer for the arts, and Windgate Foundation will join community partners in Little Rock, Arkansas on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. to celebrate the start of construction on the Artspace Windgate Campus at 1102 E 8th St Little Rock, AR, 72202. The event will begin with brief remarks followed by a ceremonial groundbreaking, featuring custom-designed shovels created by local artists.

Scheduled speakers and performers include:

- Kelley Lindquist, Artspace Projects
- Pat Forgy, Windgate Foundation
- Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott, Jr.
- Mark Conine, Arkansas Development Finance Authority
- Will Law, Artspace Projects
- Ebony Blevins, Artist/Photojournalist
- Kathleen Kvern, Artspace
- Performances by local artists Quincy "QNote" Watson & CC Mercer Watson
- CC Mercer Watson, M.C.

"We cannot be more thrilled to announce the groundbreaking of the Artspace Windgate Campus," said Patricia Forgy, executive director of Windgate Foundation. "The Artspace team discovered a critical need for affordable live/work spaces for artists during their feasibility and arts market studies, and the broad philanthropic and overall support received has been extraordinary. We invite all to visit the website to learn more and become a part of this unique opportunity to support our cultural community."

Located in the historic East End, and through its proximity to the Clinton Presidential Center, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts and the new home of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, the Artspace Windgate Campus will be another anchor for Little Rock's expanding arts and culture scene. The new construction development is a four-story building that will provide 60 units of affordable live/work style housing designed for artists and their families, ten working artist-in-residence studios, ample event and gallery space including a large outdoor courtyard, and approximately 12,000 square feet of commercial space to provide space for local arts and cultural organizations.

More information about the project can be found at artspace.org/windgate

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Artspace Windgate Campus Highlights the Importance of Affordable Housing Supporting Creative Community in Little Rock

Little Rock, AR – Artspace Projects, in partnership with the Windgate Foundation, broke ground on the highly anticipated Artspace Windgate Campus on October 9, 2024. This innovative development in Little Rock's historic East End will provide affordable live/work housing for artists and serve as a vibrant hub for the local creative community. Over 100 people attended the event to celebrate this milestone.

The groundbreaking event featured performances by local artists Quincy "QNote" Watson and CC Mercer Watson, with CC Mercer Watson serving as master of ceremonies. Speakers included Kelley Lindquist, President and CEO of Artspace Projects; Pat Forgy, Executive Director of the Windgate Foundation; Frank Scott Jr., Mayor of Little Rock; Mark Conine, President of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority; Will Law, COO of Artspace Projects; Ebony Blevins, artist and photojournalist; and Kathleen Kvern of Artspace Projects.

During his remarks, Kelley Lindquist emphasized the critical need for affordable housing specifically designed for artists. "Affordable housing is a cornerstone of supporting the arts. Without stable, affordable places to live and create, artists struggle to remain in the communities that they inspire and uplift," said Lindquist.

Pat Forgy, Executive Director of the Windgate Foundation, also expressed excitement for the future of the campus, saying, "Our work is inspired by organizations that craft equitable and innovative resources to help artists, makers, educators, and communities thrive. The variety of ways the Artspace Windgate Campus will strengthen our cultural community over the coming years are endless and exciting."

The Artspace Windgate Campus will include 60 units of affordable live/work housing for artists and their families, along with studios, galleries, and approximately 16,000 square feet of commercial space for arts and cultural organizations. This project supports both the residential and professional needs of artists, ensuring they have a secure place to live, work, and contribute to the community's cultural landscape.

The Windgate Foundation, a key partner in this initiative, continues to champion efforts to celebrate and sustain artists. "Artists are integral to the soul of a community," said Forgy. "Our mission is to uplift and celebrate these individuals by providing spaces where they can live, work, and share their creativity with the world."

The ceremonial groundbreaking featured 14 local artists who symbolically broke ground on the project using artist-designed shovels, a testament to the creative spirit driving this development. These artists included Justin Tyler Bryant, Rex DeLoney, Virmarie DePoyster, Tiffany Hamlin, Diane Harper, Jose Hernandez, Tanya Hollifield, Ryan Howard, Perrion Hurd, Greg Moore, Olivia Parks, Kristi Crow Pruett, and Sondra Strong.

Generous support from key project funders made this milestone possible, including Harriet and Warren Stephens, Anne and Merritt Dyke, the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, The Hussman Foundation, Jackye and Curtis Finch Jr., John and Robyn Horn, Stan Hastings (on behalf of the Rosalyn and Harry Hastings family), the Stella Boyle Smith Trust (Cathy and Mike Mayton, Trustees), Terri and Chuck Erwin, Vicki and Mark Saviers, and Yellow Rocket Concepts.

Many attendees inquired about applying for the live/work spaces, which demonstrates a growing demand for affordable artist housing. Those interested in applying can visit the Artspace website and complete the interest form.

While the campus is expected to be completed by spring of 2026, residents and the community are eagerly anticipating the vibrant cultural hub that this development will become.

About Artspace Projects: Artspace's mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable and sustainable housing and workspace for artists, entrepreneurs, and the creative workforce. As America's leading nonprofit real estate developer for the arts, Artspace delivers critical infrastructure for the creative workforce, including affordable artist housing, workforce housing, artist studios, arts centers, and commercial space for arts-friendly businesses. With 59 properties in operation, 10 properties in development, 48 properties now leasing, and consulting services in 230 communities, Artspace is dedicated to supporting creative communities nationwide and ensuring that artists and creative professionals remain integral to the cities they call home.

About the Windgate Foundation: The Windgate Foundation is dedicated to supporting significant educational programs in arts and crafts, strengthening the visual arts, and preserving public access to them through projects that foster creativity and innovation.



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