



## Artspace Immersion Announces 2022-23 Minneapolis Cohort

**10 Minneapolis-based organizations aim to advance space development, space ownership, and space accessibility projects in a 12-month program designed for the creative sector**

Minneapolis, MN, November 17, 2022 — Artspace Projects, America's leading developer for the arts, welcomes their 2022–23 cohort for Artspace Immersion: Minneapolis, a 12-month capacity-building program that celebrates and supports arts and cultural organizations as they build impactful creative spaces. Designed for groups in the planning stages of a space-related initiative, the program brings together the people, tools, and access that advance small and large-scale projects. Funding for this cohort is made possible in partnership with The City of Minneapolis Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy. For more information, visit [artspace.org/ImmersionMpls](https://artspace.org/ImmersionMpls).



## Artspace Immersion: Minneapolis 2022-23 Cohort

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“We’ve brought Artspace Immersion back to its home roots,” said **Anna Growcott**, Program Director of Artspace Immersion and Vice President of Artspace Consulting. “So there’s added meaning that we are helping 10 extraordinary organizations who themselves have deep roots throughout the Minneapolis creative community. We are inspired by the transformational work they do and are honored to join their space-related journey.”

Central to that journey is the Artspace Immersion curriculum that supports a learning community, emphasizes storytelling, builds partnerships, and makes connections to broader discussions of community development and social justice. The Minneapolis cohort will be the 8th focus city for the Artspace Immersion program. Each participating organization brings a clear and unique vision of how space ownership, development, or accessibility will create ripple effects in the communities they serve. A \$5,000 planning stipend is awarded to each participating organization upon completion of the program.

Artspace Immersion Minneapolis is made possible by the partnership with **The City of Minneapolis Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy (ACCE)** and a one-time Federal recovery funding from the American Rescue Plan. ACCE supports artist entrepreneurs, creative businesses and cultural nonprofits to ensure the growth and sustainability of artistic expression and creativity throughout Minneapolis. This work helps



strengthen the health and well-being of every neighborhood by elevating the cultural identity of underrepresented creative workers and communities.

Previous and ongoing iterations of Artspace Immersion have been held in **Washington D.C.** (2022–23); **Chicago, IL** (2021–22); **Little Rock & North Rock, AR** (2020–21); **Detroit, MI** (2019–20 and 2015–16); **Memphis, TN** (2018–19); and **Minneapolis & Saint Paul, MN** (2018–19 & 2016–17). The Artspace Immersion Minneapolis cohort joins a network of nearly 90 arts and culture organizations from all over the country. Many champions of the program have emerged to join a national advisory board for the growing program.

### **About Artspace Projects, Inc.**

Artspace is a non-profit organization that uses the tools of real estate development to create affordable, appropriate places where artists can live and work. We consistently develop these projects in ways that also support more stable, healthy communities anchored in existing assets. Because Artspace owns each of the projects it develops, we ensure that they remain affordable and accessible to artists. Over the last three decades, Artspace has led an accelerating national movement of artist-led community transformation. While embracing the value the arts bring to individual lives, Artspace has championed the once-radical idea that individual artists experiencing financial hardship, and chronically underfunded arts organizations can leverage fundamental social change. With headquarters in Minneapolis, and offices in New York 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. For more information, visit [www.artspace.org](http://www.artspace.org).

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