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Dear Fort Collins Creative District,

On behalf of the Colorado Creative Industries Division of the Office of Economic Development (CCI), it is my pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded funding for the 2025 Creative District Project and Technical Assistance Grant Fiscal Year 26.

Grantee Name: Fort Collins Creative District

Organization Name (if applicable): City of Fort Collins

IA#: IA-0000073974

Total Grant Amount: \$7,500.00

**Purpose:** This grant was made possible through funding from Colorado Creative Industries (CCI). The purpose of the funding is to support the activities outlined in your application for funding through CCI's Creative District Project and Technical Assistance Grant. This grant may be used to fund professional services related to the development of a creative district, including strategic plan development and architectural, engineering, and design services; networking, resource and professional development, branding, marketing skill development training; community engagement and coalition-building strategies, as per the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 24-48.5-301.

**Period of Performance:** Operations and activities from the date of this award through June 30th, 2026.

**Action Items**

**Payment Info:** Please email Katy Zeigler at [Kathryn.Zeigler@state.co.us](mailto:Kathryn.Zeigler@state.co.us) if your payment information has changed since you last received CCI funding.

**Conflict of Interest Certification:** The Office of Economic Development and International Trade seeks to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest with businesses and organizations it partners with and/or award grants, loans, tax credits, or other funding. Recipients are required to sign and return the Disclosure Statement for Grant Applicants/Recipients (attached to this award letter) in order to receive funding.

**Accessibility Checklist:** Recipients of CCI funds must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Grantees are strongly encouraged to complete the [Open Door Arts Self-Assessment](#), [CCI Grantee Accessibility Checklist](#), [the NEA 504 Self-Evaluation Handbook](#), or another equivalent self-evaluation during the grant period. As a reminder, you are required to meet basic 504 and ADA requirements. Your answers to the checklist and workbook will not affect your funding; however, you should document plans on how you'll address any accessibility issues. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. [Additional resources are available.](#)

**Final Report Due:** July 30th, 2026. The Final Report for this grant will be completed using the [OEDIT Grant Portal](#). Detailed report instructions will be sent via email when the report form opens in early May 2027. Failure to complete the final report may result in a claw back of funds. You can find information about what is included on the final report in the grant guidelines.

**Recognition:** Please remember to use the current logos to [acknowledge Colorado Creative Industries](#) funding in all promotional materials related to this award.

**Advocacy:** You are required to thank those elected officials responsible for appropriating funds to Colorado Creative Industries. You can find the [contacts for your elected officials here](#).

**Travel:** Travel is not an allowable expense for this grant.

#### **Important Grant Notices**

If there are significant changes to your activities, responsible personnel, address or budget categories, you must notify CCI staff via email and ask for an approval of the proposed changes. Colorado Creative Industries has the right to withhold, reduce, cancel grants or request reimbursement of grant if an applicant fails to comply with the terms of the grant award requirements; demonstrates inadequate financial management and oversight; makes changes to the project without CCI authorization; or does not expend grant funds by the end of the performance period.

The grant award must be used on costs that are reasonable and necessary for the project and to the purpose of the grant award. Costs should be in line with

market prices for similar goods or services. Certain expenses cannot be paid with state grant funds. See grant guidelines for details.

By accepting your grant award, you confirm that all information submitted with your application is true and correct. As a condition of the grant, Colorado Creative Industries requires the recipient of public funds to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations. Those terms and conditions can be found here: [State CCI Terms and Conditions](#), [State Procurement Conditions](#), [Federal Terms and Conditions](#) and [Federal Provisions](#).

We encourage you to join the [Colorado Arts Action Network here](#) for more arts advocacy opportunities.

**Contacts:** For policy, operational or award requirement questions, professional development and support, contact Christy Costello at (303) 892-3724 or [Christy.Costello@state.co.us](mailto:Christy.Costello@state.co.us).

For technical support with the online grant portal, accessibility requests, and payment processing questions, contact Katy Zeigler at (720) 910-2241 or [Kathryn.Zeigler@state.co.us](mailto:Kathryn.Zeigler@state.co.us).

Congratulations on your award,

Christy Costello, CCI Deputy Director

The Colorado Creative Industries Team

