

## Charlotte Street Foundation to Receive \$50,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the American Rescue Plan

**Kansas City, MO, January 27th, 2022:** Charlotte Street Foundation is pleased to announce they have been approved to receive an American Rescue Plan grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to help the arts and cultural sector recover from the pandemic. Charlotte Street is recommended to receive \$50,000 and may use this funding to save jobs and to fund operations and facilities, health and safety supplies, and marketing and promotional efforts to encourage attendance and participation. In total, the NEA will award grants totaling \$57,750,000 to 567 arts organizations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, DC.



"Our nation's arts sector has been among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Endowment for the Arts' American Rescue Plan funding will help arts organizations, such as Charlotte Street Foundation, rebuild and reopen," said Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, chair of the NEA. "The arts are crucial in helping America's communities heal, unite, and inspire, as well as essential to our nation's economic recovery."

Amy Kligman the Executive/Artistic Director of Charlotte Street says, "These past couple of years have been a struggle for artists and arts organizations. We're so grateful that Charlotte Street was included in the American Rescue Plan granting from the NEA, it will go a long way to help recover from the challenges of the pandemic."

Funding from the NEA will support existing staff positions at Charlotte Street Foundation and operating expenses related to Charlotte Street's three primary programmatic strategies: Studio & Start-up Residencies, Grants and Awards, and Public Programs, over two years.

## CHARLOTTE STREET FOUNDATION

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The American Rescue Plan was signed into law in March 2021 when the NEA was provided \$135 million for the arts sector. The funding for organizations is the third installment providing more than \$57.7 million for arts organizations. In April 2021, the NEA <u>announced</u> \$52 million (40 percent) in ARP funding would be allocated to 62 state, jurisdictional, and regional arts organizations for regranting through their respective programs. The second installment in November 2021 <u>allocated</u> \$20.2 million to 66 local arts agencies for subgranting to local artists and art organizations.

For more information on the NEA's American Rescue Plan grants, including the full list of arts organizations funded in this announcement, visit <u>www.arts.gov/COVID-19/the-american-rescue-plan</u>.

## ABOUT CHARLOTTE STREET

Charlotte Street centers Kansas City's most forward-thinking visual artists, writers, and performers acting as the primary incubator, provocateur, and connector for the region's contemporary arts community, and its leading advocate on the national stage. Since 1997, Charlotte Street has distributed over \$1.85 million in awards and grants to artists and their innovative projects, and connected individual artists to each other and to the greater Kansas City community. For more information about Charlotte Street, its awards, programs, and initiatives, visit <u>www.charlottestreet.org</u>.

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