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# News Release

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## **Lafayette awards \$270,590 in grant funding for local artists and arts organizations**

**LAFAYETTE, Colo April 27, 2021** – The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant funding is bringing hope to local artists and arts organizations. Through the CARES Act, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is awarding 855 organizations \$50,000 grants to provide support for jobs and non-profit organizations intended to ensure arts and culture will persevere as a significant contributor to the American economy beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lafayette Arts & Cultural Resources Department (ACRD) was thrilled to not only learn in July they were one of the 855 recipients, but that they were also chosen as one of nine exclusive organizations nationwide to receive an elevated grant amount of \$250,000. In April of this year the NEA CARES Act award for the City was amended to further assist the City and its constituents in the continued recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The total amount of funding being distributed from the award is \$270,590.

From December 2020 through January 2021, ACRD accepted applications from artists and organizations based in Lafayette or who provide programming in Lafayette. These applications were reviewed by an independent panel made up of Lafayette residents involved in the local cultural scene, with guidance from Susan Booker, Arts & Cultural Resources Director, and Crystal Polis, NEA CARES Grant Manager. Funded recipients met a high level of artistic excellence and artistic merit and are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and individual artists.

“We are thrilled and honored to have been selected to distribute these funds to the Lafayette arts community,” said Susan Booker, Arts & Cultural Resources Director. “We know artists and organizations have been and are struggling to survive the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. These grants will provide the means to allow our creative industries sector to continue operating and contributing to the economy.”

“I am humbled and thankful! This is wonderful, timely news. Thank you for rooting for me. I will continue to do my craft to the best of my ability and will always endeavor to add to the creative growth and bloom of our awesome community!” said one artist after receiving the news she was awarded a CARES grant.

The City is pleased to announce the following awardees who represent a diverse range of artistic practices, including visual art, music, theatre, dance, media, and literature.

### **Organizations**

Adoption Roots  
 Arts Hub  
 BaoBao Foundation  
 Book Arts League  
 Colorado Music Festival  
 Danse Etoile  
 EcoArts Connections  
 Flatirons Food Film Festival  
 Motus Theater  
 Muse Performance Space  
 Rocky Mountain Cultural  
 Exchange  
 T2 Dance Company  
 WOW! Children's Museum

### **Individuals**

Kathy Anderson  
 Austin Baskett  
 Michelle Bernier  
 Sandra Blanchard  
 Adam Bodine  
 Tiffany Choate  
 Matthew Doubek  
 Kathryn Fisher  
 Jennifer Grant  
 Adderly Grant-Lord  
 Jonathan Hanst  
 Dave Heinrich  
 Yvonne Larson  
 Jennifer Lesea-Ames  
 Molly McCrosson  
 Ruth Meere  
 Kazuhito Oba  
 Lia Pileggi  
 Leah Reddell  
 Heather (Jo) Richardson  
 Christopher Rippey  
 Sara Rockinger  
 Aaron Strumpel  
 Nancy Walker  
 Dave Wilton

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About the Lafayette Arts and Cultural Resources Department: The Arts and Cultural Resources Department (ACRD) actively coordinates, promotes, and acts as a resource for the local arts scene. Our work is directed by the vision, mission, and strategies of the Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission, the Public Art Committee, the City's Comprehensive and Downtown Vision Plans, and collaborations with the City's many arts and cultural organizations. For more information about the ACRD please visit our webpage; [lafayetteco.gov/ArtsAndCulture](http://lafayetteco.gov/ArtsAndCulture).

To learn how National Endowment for the Arts grants impact individuals and communities, visit [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).

