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The Community Foundation of Central Illinois Opens New \$50,000 Arts Capacity-Building Grant Opportunity

January 25, 2022 – The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) announces the opening of a new Arts Capacity-Building grant program to assist nonprofit arts organizations in rebuilding organizational capability to better serve their constituencies and fulfill their mission.

CFCI understands that funding is still needed to meet the unique challenges related to navigating COVID-19. This new program consists of \$50,000 in available funds and allows organizations to apply for up to \$10,000 to be used toward projects that result in tangible, concrete results. The grants are specifically for arts organizations only, meaning organizations whose primary mission and purpose is to provide programming or support in one of five categories, including arts education, performing arts, music and cultural activities, sculpture/visual fine arts for display, and/or art therapy.

Examples of funding uses could include but are not limited to:

- Professional / board development
- Volunteer management
- Strategic planning
- Filling full-time, part-time, contract and seasonal staff openings lost due to COVID-19
- Employing artists to conduct programming
- Equipment and tools to provide virtual/remote programming, events, and activities
- Capital requests to conduct programming outdoors
- Modifications to facilities to conduct indoor programming safely

Applications and grant guidelines can be found at communityfoundationci.org/grant-opportunities. Grants will be made to organizations with programs serving individuals within a 50-mile radius surrounding the city of Peoria, IL, excluding Knox and McLean County. All applications are due **Wednesday, March 2, 2022**.

For more information, please contact Sarah Fletcher, Director of Grants and Community Initiatives, at sarah@communityfoundationci.org or call (309) 674-8730.

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