



## January 2024 Newsletter

Here is what we have included for you in this month's newsletter:

- Arts Advocacy Day - Register To Attend
- NebraskARTS Awards Winners
- Creative Workforce Investment Act
- Grant Opportunities
- Congratulations to our Newest Creative Districts
- Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today!

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# ARTS ADVOCACY DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024



The **2024 Arts Advocacy Day** will be at the **Nebraska State Capitol** on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**. The schedule of the day will include a legislative breakfast in the lower level of the State Capitol with advocates and State Senators followed by a morning of advocacy training sessions in the morning. The afternoon will be reserved for individual meetings with Senators or Staff, NAC Grant Writing Sessions, or focus sessions on arts education. We hope you will join us at the State Capitol to advocate for the arts!

**REGISTER for Arts Advocacy  
Day**

## Announcing the 2024 NebraskARTS Award Winners



### Bridgeport Public Schools

Bridgeport Public Schools offers a high quality arts education to all K-12 students including general music, vocal, and instrumental music, visual arts, speech, theater, and digital media arts. One nominator stated, "Bridgeport Public Schools is a hub of creativity, artistic expression, and student achievement. Our community and school openly embraces the vital fact that the world today needs the arts". Bridgeport Public Schools works consistently to grow and create new opportunities for students through the arts.

### Kenesaw Public Schools

Kenesaw Public Schools has a strong fine and performing arts program in the areas of visual and media arts, music and One Act. The students and





teachers have made a significant impact on the local community by actively participating in community art projects, organized events and exhibitions, and provided mentorship to young artists. One of the nominators had this to say, “To witness our students’ interest in the arts and see the ‘spark’ that has been lit has been awe-inspiring”. Kenesaw Public School’s commitment to fostering a sense of community is commendable and speaks to their generous spirit and commitment to arts education.

## Congratulations to Bridgeport and Kenesaw!!



## Creative Workforce Investment Act Introduced

Nebraskans for the Arts endorses the Creative Workforce Investment Act, legislation introduced by Representatives Teresa Leger Fernández (D-NM), Jay Obernolte (R-CA) and Ted Lieu (D-CA) this past week. This bill would help invest in the creative economy through the creation of a workforce grants program to employ artists and writers to create publicly available art.

To Learn More, go [HERE](#).

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



### Grants for Arts Projects (Deadline Feb. 15)

Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, Grants for Arts Projects provides funding opportunities to strengthen the nation’s arts and cultural

### Challenge America (Deadline April 24)

Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved groups/communities. Challenge

### Regional Touring Program (Rolling applications)

These grants support projects that showcase the work of touring artists in M-AAA’s six-state region of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

ecosystem. Grants are available for arts projects in a wide variety of artistic disciplines. Applicants may request cost share/matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

Designated local arts agencies eligible to subgrant may request from \$30,000 to \$150,000.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Grants for Arts Projects.

America features an abbreviated application, a robust structure of technical assistance, and matching grants of \$10,000.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Challenge America Grants to learn more about Challenge America Grants.

Arts presenters and programmers from within M-AAA's region may receive matching funds of up to 50%, up to \$5,000 when creating a program that brings an out-of-state, but within region, guest artist to their venue.

Click [HERE](#) to apply for a Regional Touring Program Grant.

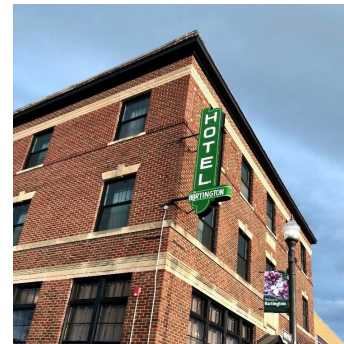
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## Congratulations to the newest Creative Districts



### Seward Creative District!

The Seward Creative District's mission is to encourage economic growth through the cultivation of creativity by fostering diversity, inclusion and equity grounded in the innate ability to create and build a better artistic and cultural community through advocacy, promoting programs and activities, and providing opportunities for diverse expression.



### Hartington Creative District!

The Hartington Creative District's mission is to celebrate community and grow vibrancy as a regional hub by preserving the rich history, and encouraging creative industry. This district is a welcoming downtown area for local residents and tourists that attracts entrepreneurs and is infused with its history, arts and entertainment.

[HERE](#) is a list of all of the Certified Creative Districts

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**We need your voice for the Arts!**  
**Join and Provide End of the Year support to**  
**Nebraskans for the Arts!**  
**Memberships start at \$25/year!**

If you are not yet a member of Nebraskans for the Arts, now is a great time to change that! Individual memberships start at \$25/year. Memberships support NFTA advocacy and activities.

[JOIN NFTA](#)



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