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## **City of Lansing Announces Round-One Arts Projects Grantees Arts Council Greater Lansing to Administer \$40,000 in First Round of FY2021 Funding**

**LANSING, MICH.**— The City of Lansing and Arts Council Greater Lansing are proud to announce round-one FY2021 City of Lansing Arts and Culture Arts Projects Grants totaling \$40,000 to two local arts and cultural organizations. These grants are funded through the City of Lansing and administered by the Arts Council of Greater Lansing. This year, there are two rounds of Arts Project Grants, with round-two applications due in January.

“Arts and culture tells the story of our diverse and creative community and is a key component of our city’s identity,” said Mayor Andy Schor. “Our area artists and arts and cultural organizations have played an important role in Lansing’s success, boosting tourism, and as a result, fueling our economy. These things will be especially important as we move into 2021. The arts will have a starring role in reinvigorating our neighborhoods and making our city one that is welcoming to visitors and new residents,” Schor said. “We congratulate this year’s recipients and extend our gratitude to the Arts Council Greater Lansing for their work with these projects.”

The City of Lansing Arts and Culture Grants are designed to support arts organizations and create community-driven artistic projects that capitalize on Lansing’s assets, inspiration and potential, contributing to a “sense of place” for residents, businesses and visitors. The Arts Projects Grants specifically look for community-driven arts projects and programs that increase access to arts and culture for residents, businesses and visitors to the City of Lansing.

The 2021 arts projects include Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center’s ARTpath, which will provide a public art display in 20 sites featured along the historic Lansing River Trail for the Summer of 2021 and Lansing 5:01’s Dam Jam, a riverside music festival, stretching over a mile of the Lansing River Trail, featuring a lineup of over 15 Michigan bands with a headlining performance in-the-round at the Brenke Fish Ladder.

“These projects are stellar examples of the creativity and ingenuity of our region’s arts and cultural organizations,” said Meghan Martin, Arts Council executive director. “The City of Lansing’s Arts and Culture grant program provides accessible arts experiences for our residents and draws visitors to our region and our downtown. These projects in particular will provide everyone an opportunity to enjoy the arts outdoors while experiencing everything our city has to offer.”

These grant recipients are two excellent examples of the kinds of projects that can benefit from the Arts Projects Grant funds. Round-two FY2021 funding is currently open and the application deadline for area organizations is 11:59 p.m., Jan. 15, 2021. For more information and grant guidelines visit the Arts Council website at [lansingarts.org](http://lansingarts.org).



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