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MIDSTORY RECEIVES NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SUBGRANT

Toledo, Ohio, Aug 8, 2022 – *Midstory is pleased to announce the receipt of a National Endowment for the Arts American Rescue Plan subgrant that provides support to community arts organizations and artists affected by the pandemic.*

Midstory has received a National Endowment for the Arts American Rescue Plan subgrant through The Arts Commission to provide pandemic relief for arts organizations economically impacted by COVID. The grant, established from funds allocated through The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, required awardees to demonstrate artistic excellence and merit, organizational need, capacity to deliver programming, and how their programming advances the values of inclusion, diversity, equity and access in their communities to be considered for this opportunity.

Funds from the grant will be used to support Midstory in continuing its mission to provide historical, social, literary and artistic projects to the public through multivocal perspectives in a variety of formats, including podcasts, printed works and books and regular output of explainer videos to educate people on topics surrounding the Midwest's hidden histories. Midstory is actively working with other community partners to create content on Asian American & Pacific Islander stories in Northwest Ohio, environmental innovation in the Midwest, indigenous histories and more. Additionally, the support will help cover administrative costs and to sustain college and high school summer programming that focuses on the development of creative storytelling and multimedia projects on cultural and social issues within the Midwest, specifically, Northwest Ohio.

About Midstory: Midstory is a 501(c)(3) non-profit thinkhub that progresses the narrative of the Midwest by incubating bright, diverse and interdisciplinary thinkers to exchange ideas and envision the future of our region through multimedia storytelling and solutions-oriented research since its founding in 2018. As an educational media organization, we inform, interpret and inspire in and for the Midwest and believe that our region's challenges can be our greatest asset to drive renewed interest and human capital into post-industrial cities. You can learn more at www.midstory.org.

About The Arts Commission: The Arts Commission is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1959 to foster Toledo's heritage in the arts. The organization is the longest-standing arts commission in the state of Ohio, serving youth, artists, arts organizations, and the general public. Since 1977, The Arts Commission has managed the City of Toledo's One Percent for Art program, the first in the state of Ohio and among the first in the nation, and maintains Toledo's impressive collection of public art. The Arts Commission has been awarded funding distribution by the National Endowment for the Arts.



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About the National Endowment for the Arts: the National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that funds, promotes, and strengthens the creative capacity of our communities by providing all Americans with diverse opportunities for arts participation. The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), established in Congress in 1965, is an independent federal agency that is the largest funder of the arts and arts education in communities nationwide and a catalyst of public and private support for the arts.

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