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MIDSTORY RECEIVES THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY RESCUE PLAN GRANT MINI-RENEWAL

Toledo, Ohio, Sep 7, 2026 – *Midstory is pleased to announce the receipt of a mini-renewal grant from The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, in partnership with the Lucas County Commissioners and the City of Toledo with additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Ohio Arts Council that provides support to community arts organizations and artists affected by the pandemic.*

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant was received by the City of Toledo and Lucas County Commissioners and administered by The Arts Commission to provide support to local arts organizations and artists. Midstory is honored to receive this award for meeting the requirements of demonstrating artistic excellence and merit, organizational need, capacity to deliver programming, and exemplifying programming that advances the values of inclusion, distinction, equity and access in their communities.

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 to change perceptions of the Midwest and to uplift narratives of its people by telling the hidden stories of innovation, diversity, and nuance through accessible media and data & research. Importantly, 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.