



# McLean Project for the Arts

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## **McLean Project for the Arts Receives \$50,000 CARES Act Funding from National Endowment for the Arts *Funds intended to help the non-profit arts community combat economic hardships caused by the spread of COVID-19***

**McLean, VA:** McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) received a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The organization was among the 14 Virginia arts organizations and 846 U.S. arts organizations selected to receive direct funding.

“This grant provides critical support as we continue to adapt our visual arts programming and carry out our mission during and beyond this COVID-19 pandemic,” said MPA Executive Director Lori J. Carbonneau.

The National Endowment for the Arts received more than 3,100 eligible applications requesting \$157 million for the \$45 million available in direct assistance. Applications were limited to those who were previous NEA award recipients from the past four years. These non-matching grants are provided to support staff salaries, fees for artists or contractual personnel, and facilities costs.

Arts and culture are a key component of the U.S. economy that contributed \$877.8 billion, or 4.5 percent, to the nation’s gross domestic product in 2017 and employ over 5 million wage-and-salary workers who collectively earned \$405 billion. This funding will help support those jobs and those nonprofit organizations during this time of great need so that arts and culture will persevere as a significant contributor to the American economy.

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### **About MPA**

**McLean Project for the Arts (MPA)** is one of the mid-Atlantic region’s most respected contemporary visual arts organizations. MPA provides high-quality art exhibitions showcasing the work of established and emerging artists, educational programs, art classes, MPAartfest, summer art camps, and ArtReach, an award-winning program serving students in grades K – 12, seniors, and individuals with special needs. For more information, visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

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### **About the National Endowment for the Arts**

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. Visit [arts.gov](http://arts.gov) to learn more.

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