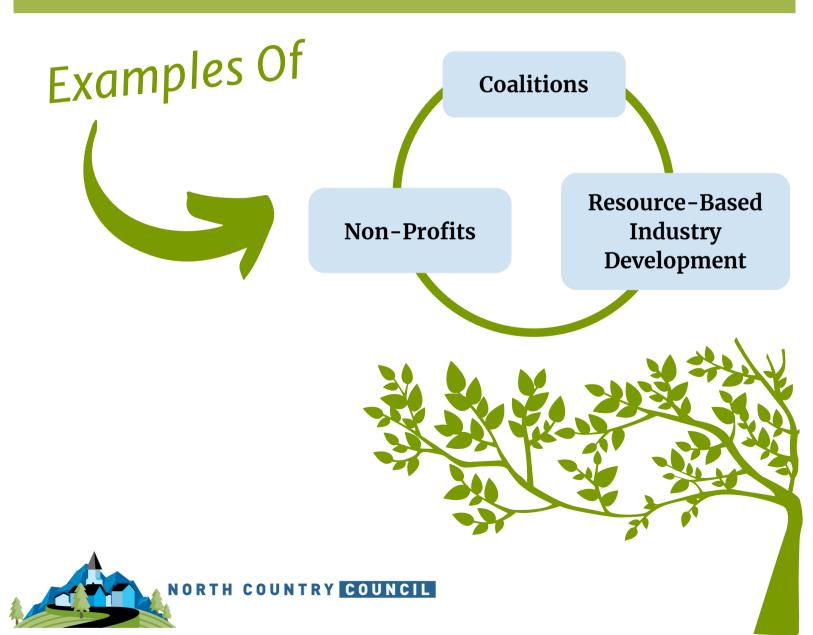


# **CASE STUDIES** ARTS & CULTURE: COLLABORATIVES & COALITIONS

STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A MORE RESILIENT, CARING, INCLUSIVE ECONOMY THAT CAN WITHSTAND, ADAPT, INNOVATE, AND TRANSFORM IN THE FACE OF NATURAL AND HUMAN DISASTERS.

# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THESE CASE STUDIES

This is a collection of case studies for arts and culture collaboratives and coalitions. During focus group conversations with the arts and culture industry in the North Country, participants expressed the need to develop programs or build off of existing programs that help to facilitate, support, and sometimes even fund artists and art projects within our region. This Case Study has five examples of coalitions and councils for art facilitation along with some residencies, professional development, and educational opportunities and programs for the public.





"CAC IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS CONTEMPORARY CHICAGO ARTISTS AND CURATORS BY OFFERING RESIDENCY PROGRAMS, EXHIBITIONS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RESOURCES THAT ENABLE THEM TO LIVE, WORK AND THRIVE IN THE CITY."

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Chicago Artists Coalition (CAC) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1974. CAC was founded on the basis of artists advocating for support, visibility, and rights. Today, CAC looks to provide a support system that enables the artists of Chicago to "live, work and thrive in the city". They hold advancing art and its relation to Chicago's culture and economy at the center of their mission.

#### HOW IT WORKS:

In order to support contemporary Chicago artists, CAC offers various resources. These include holding exhibitions, residency programs, and professional development. The residency programs in particular offer studio space, opportunities to collaborate for exhibitions, and the building of professional relationships.





"THE KANSAS CITY ARTISTS COALITION (KCAC) IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES VISUAL ARTS AWARENESS IN KANSAS CITY AND THE SURROUNDING REGION, AND SUPPORTS THE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OF ARTISTS."

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

KCAC supports artists in the Kansas City area through residency programs, professional development, and exhibitions. One method of professional development KCAC provides is a networking event called "Coffee Talk". This is a monthly event that allows local artists to connect. The organization also hosts block parties to celebrate the community and the art within it.

#### HOW IT WORKS:

Artists can become a part of KCAC through a membership fee. There are three levels of becoming a member- student, individual, or amplified. These membership types are also available to non-artists that would like to support KCAC by being a donor, volunteer, or sponsor.

#### GOALS...

- foster a climate that encourages innovation and creativity among artists,
- utilize the collective initiative and creativity of artists for their own benefit,
- provide a forum for contemporary visual arts through our galleries and publications,
- champion the work of local artists and increases the viability of Kansas City as a place for artists to live and work,
- spreads the word about the vitality of the arts in Kansas City, Missouri and the region.,
- encourage artists to go forward with their ambitious and innovative ideas, and to seek out peers and mentors in the artists' communities across the United States and the world,
- support artists' work financially
- promotes the exchange of ideas



Click Here for more information and to watch past "Coffee Talks."





"WORK TOGETHER TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF PIERCE COUNTY WITH ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE EXPERIENCES OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY THAT ARE AUTHENTIC, ACCESSIBLE, AND EDUCATIONAL."

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Arts & Coalition of Pierce County is made up of 26 culture and heritage organizations that are based in the City of Tacoma and throughout Pierce County. The organization was formed in 2009 to create experiences that embrace the local culture. To help with access to art and culture, there are many free offerings for young children to get involved.

# HOW IT WORKS:

Arts & Cultural Coalition of Pierce County is supported by local organizations becoming members. Members pay annual dues, varying in cost based on the organization's annual budget. Becoming a member of the coalition commits to enhancing the arts and culture access throughout the community.

#### CULTURE KIDS

Culture Kids is one of the pilot projects that the Coalition launched to encourage more youth participation in art, history, and culture. This program offers free access to many local organizations for qualifying young children and their families. The Coalition's website provides access to different curriculums for certain activities across different locations and museums, ranging from performing arts, history, painting, cooking, and more.





"TO DRAW ON WORCESTER'S RICH AND DIVERSE CULTURAL ASSETS TO FOSTER ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, SUPPORT ACTIVE, CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT FOR ALL AND PROMOTE A STRONG CULTURAL IDENTITY FOR GREATER WORCESTER."

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Worchester Culture Coalition (WCC) was formed in 1999 by the City of Worchester and several local cultural organizations. WCC is a public-private partnership that currently has over 80 memberships with local organizations.



# WCC'S VISION:

- **Cultivate**: nurture and reward creativity anytime, anywhere.
- Value: take risks and invest in making opportunities by removing regulatory barriers to encourage more unique projects
- **Celebrate:** support our strengths in diversity, history, architecture, arts & culture, etc.
- Inspire: encourage civic engagement, collaboration, and positive change.
- Be Authentic: develop and market the Worcester area's existing and unique assets

# HOW IT WORKS:

WCC is supported through the membership of cultural organizations within Worchester County. Each organization pays annual dues based on the annual budget of the organization. Members of WCC are offered benefits that include promotion through joint marketing campaign outlets, participation in events, and representation on the coalition's website.



"TO ENRICH OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE." "A THRIVING REGION, POWERED BY CREATIVITY, WITH ARTS AND CULTURE IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD."

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Regional Arts & Culture Coalition (RACC) is a non-profit that supports artists and art organizations in the greater Portland, Oregon area. RACC mainly offers support through funding, services, advocacy, and engagement. The organization also does work to ensure access to arts education for all students, kindergarten through 12th grade, as a part of the core curriculum.

# HOW IT WORKS:

For artists within the greater Portland area, RACC offers technical assistance, opportunities to apply for grants, public art opportunities, emergency relief, and a free subscription to the coalition's newsletter for regular updates on local opportunities.

#### PROGRAMS INCLUDE...

