

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING  
RESOLUTION 2023-47**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION  
TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS OUR TOWN GRANT PROGRAM IN AN  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ART ALONG  
THE DOWNTOWN 3RD STREET CORRIDOR IN LARAMIE, WYOMING**

**WHEREAS**, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is proud to support the nation's arts sector with grant opportunities so that together we can help everyone live more artful lives, and;

**WHEREAS**, "Artful lives" is an inclusive concept that holds everything from the creation, presentation, and consumption of professional arts to active arts engagement by all people in our daily experiences through making, teaching, learning, and advancing a broad range of art forms that express our nation's rich and diverse cultural tapestry, and;

**WHEREAS**, the arts contribute to our individual well-being, the well-being of our communities, and to our local economies, and;

**WHEREAS**, as we emerge from the pandemic and plan for the future, the arts are also crucial to helping us make sense of our circumstances from different perspectives, and;

**WHEREAS**, arts, culture, and design are essential to building strong communities where all people can thrive, and;

**WHEREAS**, through Our Town, the NEA is proud to support creative placemaking projects that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long-term, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Our Town program demonstrates the ways in which artists, culture bearers, and designers can help to: Bring new attention to or elevate key community assets and issues, voices of residents, local history, or civic infrastructure; inject new or additional energy, resources, activity, people, or enthusiasm into a place, community issue, or local economy; envision new possibilities for a community or place, a new future, a way of approaching a new opportunity, overcoming a challenge, or problem-solving; connect communities, people, places, and economic opportunity through physical spaces or new partnerships and relationships; or honor traditions shaped by the lived experience of a community's residents, such as music, dance, design, crafts, fashion, cuisine, and oral expression, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laramie in conjunction with the Laramie Public Art Coalition and the Laramie Main Street Alliance intends utilize a potential award from the NEA's Our Town Grant Program to support acquiring the design, fabrication and installation of art associated with the Downtown 3rd Street Beautification Project in conjunction with Resolution 2023-15.

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** That forgoing all recitals are incorporated in and made part of this resolution by this reference.

**Section 2.** That the City Council supports the filing of an application to the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 and commits \$150,000 identified in Resolution 2023-15 to support acquiring the design, fabrication and installation of art associated with the Downtown 3rd Street Beautification Project in Laramie, Wyoming.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.



Brian Harrington, Mayor and President  
City of Laramie, City Council

Attest:



Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk  
City of Laramie

