



INSPIRED BY THE REMARKABLE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION EFFORT IN DETROIT (DOCUMENTED IN THE NETWORK'S ORIGINAL SERIES MOTOR CITY RISING), THE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM WAS CREATED TO HIGHLIGHT SIMILAR STORIES OF ARTS-FOCUSED, NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO MODEL PROJECTS.



AFTER MORE THAN 2 MILLION VOTES, WE HAVE A VIEWERS' CHOICE WINNER!

Congratulations to the Northside Workshop in St. Louis, whose "Community Build the Arts" initiative takes home the **\$15,000 VIEWERS' CHOICE AWARD!**

Two million (plus) votes decided a winner among the sixty organizations that submitted a project, with over 25,000 votes daily over the two-and-a-half-month voting period. Northside Workshop, which highlighted its "Beautification of Vacant Space" program, was the clear winner, offering a program that teaches middle school students to fight urban abandonment through art and education courses like beekeeping, gardening and studio art.



BEET STREET (\$25,000), a nonprofit arts organization, in partnership with the City of Fort Collins Cultural Services Department and Colorado State University School of the Arts. Beet Street will use its innOVATION grant money for its Arts Incubator of the Rockies project.



THE LANESBORO ARTS CENTER (\$25,000), a nonprofit arts organization, will use its innOVATION grant to create the Lanesboro Arts Campus, a cohesive, all-encompassing arts experience for residents and visitors through the connection of art in public spaces, buildings that house the arts, and artful pedestrian walkways. In partnership with the City of Lanesboro, the Lanesboro Arts Campus will implement creative placemaking, integrating the arts into civic infrastructure such as parking lots, trails and bridges.



SPACEWORKS TACOMA (\$25,000), a partnership between the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, will invest its innOVATION grant dollars in a dynamic project that transforms empty storefronts and vacant space in the Tacoma downtown area into dynamic points of interest.



ARTSQEST (\$10,000), a nonprofit arts organization, in partnership with the City of Bethlehem, PA, will use its innOVATION grant to support the Steel Stacks Arts and Culture Campus, a project which uses arts and cultural programming to lead the strategic redevelopment of the former Bethlehem Steel plant—one of the largest industrial brownfields in the nation.



CULTURALDC (\$10,000), a nonprofit, will use its innOVATION grant dollars to fund its Creative Placemaking Initiatives in Washington, DC, including a series of events such as the CONNECT 4, where artists will transform public space at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library into a dynamic environment inspiring viewers to connect with the art and each other through temporary interactive art installations.