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 **[NAME OF GRANTEE] Honored for Arts Contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia with a Grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts**

**[CITY, VA]** — [Date, 2022] – [Grantee] announced today that it has been acknowledged and honored for its contributions to the arts ecosystem of Virginia with a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts was established in 1968 and plays a pivotal role in lifting Virginia artists, organizations, schools, and communities through meaningful grants that drive innovation in the arts. With this grantmaking activity supported through the General Assembly and the National Endowment of the Arts, the VCA invests millions of dollars annually in the arts across Virginia. The 2022 grant cycle garnered application entries from 71 counties and 33 independent cities across the Commonwealth, with the Commission allocating 831 grants, totaling $4,597,244 in investments in the arts.

[DESCRIPTION OF GRANTEE {recommend language from the grant application}]

“It is the distinct honor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to recognize those cultivating arts and creativity to positively impact their communities and the greater state,” said Virginia Commission for the Arts Executive Director Margaret Hancock. “We value these organizations, programs, and initiatives that elevate the education, cultural understanding, expression, healing, collaboration, and creativity that define a vibrant Virginia.”

[QUOTE FROM GRANTEE LEADER {Board Chair, Executive Director, etc.}]

**ABOUT GRANTEE**[INSERT WINNER BOILERPLATE/GENERAL DESCRIPTION ABOUT YOUR PROJECT/ORGANIZATION HERE]

**ABOUT VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS**

The Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) is the state agency that supports a vibrant arts landscape in the Commonwealth. Through the allocation of grant funding and additional resources, the VCA invests in all art disciplines for the benefit of all Virginians.