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Contact: (Grantee spokesperson name)
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 **[NAME OF GRANTEE] Announces Receipt of a [Grant Title i.e. General Operating Support, Community Impact, etc.] Grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts**

**[CITY, VA]** — [Date, 2024] – [Grantee] is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a [Grant Title] grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. This state funding acknowledges our impactful contributions to Virginia and its citizens.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) is the state agency dedicated to investing in the arts across the Commonwealth of Virginia. It plays a crucial role in enhancing Virginia’s economy and arts ecosystem through substantial grants. Supported by the General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, the VCA invests millions of dollars annually in communities across Virginia. For the 2024 grant cycle, the Commission received applications from nonprofit arts organizations, local governments, and other entities throughout the Commonwealth, ultimately awarding 656 grants totaling more than $5 million in arts investments.

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

“We are honored to fund and to recognize those supporting a vibrant Virginia. We know – and the data proves – that the arts serve an integral role to positively impact communities and the greater state,” said Virginia Commission for the Arts Executive Director Margaret Hancock. “We value the VCA’s grantees and are proud to support their operations and arts-centric initiatives that drive the local economies, educational offerings, tourism efforts, and creative outputs that truly elevate Virginia.”

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

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

**ABOUT VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS**

The Virginia Commission for the Arts, established in 1968, is the state agency dedicated to investing in the arts across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The VCA fulfills its mission through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, distributing grant awards to Virginia artists; arts organizations; educational institutions; nonprofit organizations; educators; and local and tribal governments. Learn more at [www.vca.virginia.gov](http://www.vca.virginia.gov).