



**ANNOUNCEMENT
GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

CLOSING DATE:

MAR. 1, 2012



**NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE ARTS**

**PROPOSED BY: NATIONAL ENDOWMENT
FOR THE ARTS**

PURPOSE:

Through *Our Town*, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. *Our Town* will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, are looking to increase their livability, and specifically are seeking to:

- Improve their quality of life.
- Encourage creative activity.
- Create community identity and a sense of place.
- Revitalize local economies.

Each *Our Town* project must have: 1) A systemic approach to civic development with a persuasive vision for change. 2) Clearly defined civic development goals and objectives that recognize and enhance the role the arts play at the center of community life. 3) An action plan aligned with the project vision and civic development goals.

MAIN CRITERIA:

Partnerships involving a minimum of two organizations (one a nonprofit design or cultural organization, and one a governmental entity) are required of all applications.

Matching Funds: All grants require a nonfederal match of at least 1 to 1.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$25,000 - \$250,000

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