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## **CREATIVE CAPITAL TO RECEIVE \$45,000 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

**New York, NY (May 14, 2018)** — Creative Capital is the proud recipient of a \$45,000 Art Works grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to host career development workshops for artists across the country. The Art Works category is the NEA's largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

Creative Capital launched its renowned professional development workshops in 2003 and since has helped over 18,000 artists in more than 800 communities across the country build the knowledge, skills, and relationships needed to help their practices thrive.

National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$80 million in grants as part of the NEA's second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. "The variety and quality of these projects speaks to the wealth of creativity and diversity in our country," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "Through the work of organizations such as Creative Capital, NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are."

Over the coming year, Creative Capital will serve over 2,000 artists nationally by partnering with arts organizations in diverse communities to provide in-person workshops for local artists and by presenting online workshops to reach those who are unable to physically attend. Workshop topics include strategic planning, social media development, applying for funding and residency opportunities, working with communities, art activism, and other topics of interest to diverse artistic practitioners.

"Creative Capital began nearly 20 years ago to support visionary individual artists who the NEA was no longer able to fund," said Creative Capital President & Executive Director Suzy Delvalle. "It's so wonderful that the NEA is supporting us as we continue this important work. Artists from all walks of life are a vital part of healthy, thriving communities."

For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](http://arts.gov/news).

### **About Creative Capital**

Creative Capital supports innovative and adventurous artists across the country through funding, counsel and career development services. Its pioneering venture philanthropy approach helps artists working in all creative disciplines realize their visions and build more sustainable careers. Creative Capital was founded with a fierce commitment to freedom of expression in response to the National Endowment for the Arts' termination of the majority of its grant programs for individual artists. Learn more at **[creative-capital.org](http://creative-capital.org)**.

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