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Colorado Creative Industries Joins Arts in Society Collaborative Grantmaking Program

DENVER, CO - Weds., August 31, 2016 - Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) today announced that it joined Arts in Society, a collaborative grant making program established by Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and Hemera Foundation in partnership with RedLine Contemporary Art Center. This program, which launched in early August of this year, is designed to build capacity for social practice projects that implement artistic excellence to engage social issues. CCI's newly announced partnership in the program will increase annual funding to a total of \$500,000 and expand the granting area to include communities across Colorado.

"CCI is thrilled to join these amazing organizations who share a deep commitment to supporting the state's cultural community," said Margaret Hunt, director of Colorado Creative Industries. "The arts have an incredible power to impact people through societal change for good and we look forward to supporting more Coloradans through the work of our talented artists and organizations across our state."

Grants will be determined by a selection panel and will seek projects that best illustrate artistic excellence, broaden the understanding of the role arts play in society, demonstrate cross-sector work, exhibit cultural relevancy, foster community engagement, and present opportunities for shared learning.

Average grant sizes will range between \$10,000 - \$50,000 and will be awarded to 15-25 artists, arts organizations, or other nonprofit groups per year during the 2017-2018 two-year pilot period. Year 1 Letters of Intent (LOIs) are due September 26, 2016. Finalists will be contacted in November and invited to submit full proposals by January 16, 2017. Information sessions will be held Thursday, Sept. 1 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at RedLine, 2350 Arapahoe Street, Denver, CO 80205.

Please RSVP to louise.martorano@redlineart.org to attend an information session. Learn more at www.redlineart.org/arts-in-society/

About Bonfils-Stanton Foundation

Bonfils-Stanton Foundation strategically provides grants and fellowships to advance the arts and inspire creative leadership in Denver. Our foundation is richly steeped in Denver's cultural history, but we are also a contemporary leader in fueling innovation and exploration in our creative economy. Each year we give more than \$3 million to arts organizations and nonprofit leaders, because we believe these entities and individuals are critical to building and sustaining a vibrant community. www.bonfils-stantonfoundation.org

About Colorado Creative Industries

Colorado's Creative Industries Division, Colorado's state arts agency, is a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Established to capitalize on the immense potential for our creative sector to enhance economic growth in Colorado, the mission of Colorado Creative Industries is to promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life.

About The Hemera Foundation

The Hemera Foundation, established in 2007, is a Bermuda based charitable organization. The

Hemera Foundation supports innovative organizations and initiatives that foster basic human goodness in individuals and society. www.hemera.org

About RedLine Contemporary Art Center

RedLine is a nonprofit contemporary art center that fosters education and engagement between artists and communities to create positive social change. Located in Denver's Five Points neighborhood, RedLine combines an exhibition space and artist residency program with project-based engagement in the arts. RedLine responds to the needs of the community by engaging resident artists in programs that offer arts education for under-resourced youth, a community network for artists experiencing homelessness, and relevant public programming for members of the surrounding neighborhoods. www.redlineart.org

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