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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **City of Glenwood Springs Approved for NEA Grant**

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs has been recommended to receive a \$20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for public art on a future plaza area west of the touchdown site point of the new pedestrian bridge at the north landing over the Colorado River. NEA Chairman, Jane Chu, has approved more than \$25 million in grants as part of the NEA’s first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. The Art Works category is the NEA’s largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of arts that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or strengthening of communities through the arts.

“It is energizing to see the impact that the arts are making throughout the United States. These NEA-supported projects, such as this one to the City of Glenwood Springs are good examples of how the arts build stronger and more vibrant communities, improve well-being, prepare our children to succeed, and increase the quality of our lives,” said Chu. “At the National Endowment for the Arts, we believe that all people should have access to the joy, opportunities, and connections the arts bring.”

The City of Glenwood Springs and the Downtown Development Authority are currently soliciting development proposals for the future development of a site located at the southwest corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Street west of the new pedestrian bridge, which will include an outdoor plaza area. The overall development site is currently vacant. Responses to the request for development proposals are due on February 22, 2018.

The art project will include a national Request for Proposals (RFP) and a selection process to choose an artist who meets criteria for artistic merit and excellence, as well as experience with community engagement in the placemaking processes. This specialized call for artist will consist of a national RFP, followed by a competitive review conducted by a panel comprising representation from the City of Glenwood Springs' new Arts and Culture Board, the City of Glenwood Springs, the Historical Society, the

DDA, and distinguished external artists selected by the Arts and Culture Board. The chosen artist will create and install a permanent public art feature on the 6th Street Plaza.

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

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