

Civic Artist in Residence Program Overview



What is the Lexington CAIR program?

- Co-project of CivicLex, LFUCG, BGCF, and a large Advisory Group.
- Pilot Program partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.
- Process started with application to NEA Our Town program in August of 2019.
- Less than 20% of Our Town apps are funded.



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Why a CAIR program in LFUCG?

- Enhance and strengthen trust and communication between city and residents
- Celebrate the labor of city employees
- Bring creative solutions to ongoing challenges by inviting more voices & resources into processes
- Communicate with residents by making information more accessible, user friendly, less intimidating



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Why artists in City Government?

- Artists naturally employ creative thinking and problem solving in their work
- Artists try multiple methods, change directions and take risks
- Artists don't work in a vacuum --- they observe, take in information and respond
- Artists embrace processes which can be replicated and evaluated



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CAIR Advisory Group & Project Team



CivicLex Staff



Nancy Albright



Deborah Slone



Raaziq El-Amin



Heather Lyons



Angela Poe



Chester Grundy



DeBraun Thomas



Ash Hanson



Ashley Simpson



Lakshmi Sriraman



Brandy Shumake



Mark Kidd



Elizabeth McGee



Jason Akhtarekhavari



Kremena Todorova



Rob Allen



Joanna Rodes



Jessica Breen



Kurt Gohde



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Inspiration - Other CAIR programs

Pop-Up Meeting

Amanda Lovelee
City of Saint Paul, MN
Parks & Recreation Dept

Photos: Public Art Saint Paul



Inspiration - Other CAIR programs

Hearing Tenants Voices

Mwanke Ndosi & Reggie Prim
Minneapolis, MN
Regulatory Services Dept

Photos: Rebecca Chrisanta de Ybarra



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What is the Lexington CAIR program?

- Three artists in three departments (EQPW, Finance, Social Services)
- 13 month placement: June 2021 – July 2022
- 15 hours per week estimated
- \$15k stipend, \$1.5k supply budget, workspace



Who is paying for the CAIR program?

- National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant housed at BGCF: \$75,000.00
- CivicLex Cash & In-Kind Match: \$62,100.00
- LFUCG Cash Match: \$15,000.00
- Significant LFUCG staff involvement



History of Lexington's CAIR program

- Awarded NEA OT grant in May 2020.
- First meeting of Advisory Group in September 2020.
- Program fully designed by November 2020
- Applications launched January 2021; closed March 2021
- Artists selected



CAIR Artists



Debra Faulk
Social Services



Tony Gilmore
EQPW



Hannah Allen
Finance



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Timeline

June 2021

- **Orientation Process**

July 2021 - September 2021

- **Research & Discovery (listening and digging deep in City Government)**



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Timeline

September 2021 - November 2021

- Project Development (propose project(s) to work on during the residency - including development of timeline and budget)

November 2021 - December 2021

- Project finalization (gather materials and/or equipment and reserve space necessary for project)



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Timeline

January 2022 - July 2022

- Project Deployment, Documentation, and Evaluation (implement proposed project and assist CivicLex and the City with documentation throughout to capture key findings and inform future residencies)



Questions?



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Thank you!



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