

## **Our Town FY2017 Grant Awards Announced**

The NEA announced [89 awards totaling \\$6.89 million for FY2017 projects](#). Our Town is the NEA's signature creative placemaking program that supports partnerships of artists, arts organizations, and municipal government that work to revitalize neighborhoods. This practice places arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies to address a community's challenges. Creative placemaking highlights the distinctiveness of a place, encouraging residents to identify and build upon their local creative assets.

Examples of Our Town-supported projects in this group are:

- A \$75,000 grant to the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre in Arrow Rock, Missouri to support community planning and design for the theater's expansion. The Lyceum is the only professional theater between Kansas City and St. Louis.
- A \$100,000 grant to the National Association of Counties Research Foundation to allow the foundation to train county staff and managers on how to do arts-based economic development across rural America.

[See the full list of Our Town awards.](#)