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cARTie Receives CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant from CT Humanities

Shelton, CT (January 2, 2022) — Connecticut Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded cARTie Corp. ('cARTie') a **\$5,900 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant (CTCFOSG)**.

This CTCFOSG will be foundational to cARTie's growth in the coming year. With lofty ambitions of serving all 109,000 PreK-2 students, as well as all arts-inclined high school students, across the state of Connecticut from our hometown of Shelton, capacity building is central to cARTie's work going into 2022. Hereto now, cARTie has relied on volunteer commitment and motivation to bridge inequities in education and arts access across the state through the organization's reimagined mobile art museum bus, but as demand for the cARTie program increases, compensating staff to meet this growing community need with quality leadership and programming is key.

"We understand the importance of hiring and appropriately compensating well-educated, -experienced, and -motivated staff to realize our projected growth, and this CTCFOSG could not have come at a better time, when operating support is slim but so urgent for arts education non-profit organizations like ours," said Holly Hawthorn, Vice Chairperson of cARTie.

cARTie was one of 624 organizations in Connecticut that was awarded CT Cultural Fund support totaling \$16M from CT Humanities. The CTCFOSG are part of \$30.7M of support allocated to arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits through CTH over the next two years by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont. The CTCFOSG will assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public.

This grant was administered by CT Humanities (CTH), with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

About cARTie

cARTie is a 'reimagined museum' that brings the museum field trip to schools; it deconstructs the traditional White, eurocentric model of what an art museum is by making sure all Connecticut youth see themselves represented in the works of art on display, featured artists, and experiences they have while visiting. cARTie activities are two-fold: (1) to offer inclusive internship and exhibition opportunities to a diverse population of high school arts students and (2) to provide critical museum-based learning opportunities that enrich and deepen early education, while meeting core standards, to PreK-2 students who otherwise may not have access to robust arts programming. To learn more about cARTie, please visit www.cartie.org. Follow cARTie on Facebook and Instagram @CTcARTie!

About Connecticut Humanities

CT Humanities (CTH) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CTH connects people to the humanities through grants, partnerships, and collaborative programs. CTH projects, administration, and program development are supported by state and federal matching funds, community foundations, and gifts from private sources. Learn more by visiting cthumanities.org.

About Connecticut Office of the Arts

The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut's creative economy. Part of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.