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## Overview

Kresge is a private, national foundation that works to **expand opportunities** for vulnerable people living **in America's cities.**

We provide grants and social investments in the areas of:

- Arts and Culture (National)
- Community Development in Detroit (Local arts funding)
- Environment
- Higher Education
- Health
- Human Services



## Kresge National Arts and Culture Program

**Goal:** Integration of arts and culture into community revitalization.



**Our approach:** We focus on creative placemaking as a comprehensive community development approach to stabilizing disinvested communities.

## Core Characteristics of Kresge grantees

- Embed arts and culture in larger community revitalization initiatives
- Engage in cross-disciplinary, cross-sector activities
- Exhibit strong leadership. Include artists and arts organizations
- Extend benefits to all stakeholders, especially low income community members
- Demonstrate commitment to sustained engagement and empowerment of low income residents
- Work to ensure current residents can remain in their community even where revitalization changes neighborhood economics
- Honor community distinctiveness



## Learning and Evaluation

- Developmental Evaluation
- Grantees, partners and residents

### KEY QUESTION:

How and under what conditions arts and culture are being integrated into cross-sector community revitalization strategies

(e.g., impacts on economic, physical, social and cultural conditions)?

