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## MEDIA ALERT

### CAM awarded \$36,524 Institute of Museum and Library Services American Rescue Plan grant



Museumgoers take part in *Collective Impact: A Sense of Home* exhibition at CAM. Photo: Wil Driscoll.

**November 3, 2021 (St. Louis, MO)** - The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis announces an American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant of \$36,524 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Grant-funded activities seek to overcome the impact of stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic through trauma-aware, healing-art projects that respond to community needs. More than \$15 million of ARP grants were awarded to museums, libraries, and Indigenous communities to support pandemic response work across the nation. A total of 390 projects were selected from 572 applications. CAM's proposal was chosen as one of four awarded in the state of Missouri.

Through this grant CAM will join the [Collaboration for Ongoing Visitor Experience Studies](#) (COVES), a nationwide museum consortium that works to understand and improve visitor experience, continuing CAM's efforts to ensure the museum remains a welcome and open resource for all. With this in mind, grant funding will support trauma-awareness training for CAM staff from [Alive and Well Communities](#), a Missouri-based nonprofit, which works to alleviate and address the impacts of trauma and stress in group settings.

Funding will support Collective Impact, CAM's ongoing, multi-year program of collaborative projects with neighbors and partner organizations. Co-led by [Creative Reaction Lab](#), a nonprofit dedicated to training young Black and Latinx artists and designers, Collective Impact invites neighborhood residents and visitors to make their voices heard in our galleries. IMLS ARP funding will bolster a significant, two-year \$50,000 grant received for the program from [PNC Arts Alive](#) in 2021.

The IMLS website lists all funded [projects](#).

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### **About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis**

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis creates meaningful engagement with the most relevant and innovative art being made today. Founded by civic and cultural leaders in 1980, the Museum transformed from a small gallery into an internationally recognized arts institution, now permanently housed in a flexible, open, and inviting building designed by renowned American architect Brad Cloepfil. CAM's distinct architecture reflects the organization's values and supports a dynamic range of exhibitions, public programs, educational initiatives, and community collaborations. The only museum in the region solely dedicated to contemporary art, CAM is one of the preeminent non-collecting institutions of its kind in the United States. We are a site for discovery, a welcoming space, free and open to all. For more information, visit [camstl.org](http://camstl.org).

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