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Community Foundation leads new public art sculpture in downtown Lansing roundabout

LANSING, MICH. — The <u>Community Foundation</u> is excited to announce it is leading and fully funding a new public art project to install a unique sculpture in the roundabout at the Washington Square and Michigan Avenue intersection, one block in front of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing.

The art project resulted from an idea submitted in the Community Foundation's 2017 Penny for Your Thoughts idea campaign to enhance the roundabout as a premiere location to reflect the vibrancy and diversity of Lansing residents, businesses and culture. The Foundation is investing \$100,000 to complete the project.

"This sculpture will be in the heart of downtown Lansing to embody exactly that: the heart of our community," said Laurie Baumer, executive vice president at the Community Foundation. "The project will represent our region and our residents, showcasing what makes Lansing unique and vibrant. It will live in the core of our city to welcome and stand for all those who live, work and visit here."

The Community Foundation recruited the <u>Arts Council of Greater Lansing</u> for assistance in issuing a request for qualifications/proposals (RFPQ) for the sculpture to professional artists across the nation. Preference will be given to artists residing in Ingham, Eaton or Clinton County. A committee of reviewers experienced with discussing innovative, creative placemaking projects will select finalists. The Community Foundation will then ask the public for their opinions on the finalists in September to help the committee select the final sculpture.

Artists can find more details on the artwork criteria and submit proposals online.

The Community Foundation is passionate about creating vibrant, thriving communities throughout the Capital Region. The Foundation works with donors to meet their unique charitable goals, supports area nonprofits with grants and coaching and leads innovative projects that drive community growth. The Community Foundation (also known as the Capital Region Community Foundation) is a tax-exempt public charity that serves the charitable needs and enhances the quality of life for people in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties.