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**Arts and Education Council names Cynthia P. Davis
Director of Grants and Programs**



ST. LOUIS – Oct. 31, 2019 – The Arts and Education Council has named Cynthia P. Davis director of grants and programs. In this role, Davis will be responsible for facilitating the productivity and efficiency of the organization’s grants and program needs.

“Cynthia brings a wealth of grant and program management knowledge to the Arts and Education Council,” said Cynthia A. Prost, Arts and Education Council president and CEO. “We look forward to working with her as we continue to grow our grant and programming opportunities. Her expertise will bolster the management and evaluation of our grant programs, which will strengthen the impact of our donors’ generous contributions.”

Davis brings over 25 years of experience working with private, federal and state grants for nonprofit organizations of all sizes. Most recently, she was Director of Program Development and Grants for Bi-State Development. Prior to that, she served 15 years as a grant manager and then a program officer for the Missouri Foundation for Health, where she was responsible for managing and monitoring a large volume of active grants. She has extensive experience facilitating workshops, trainings, community forums and other convenings. She is also a Certified Grants Manager.

Davis holds a Master of Arts in Health Administration and a Master of Science in Human Resource Management from Lindenwood University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting from Columbia College.

For more information about the Arts and Education Council and to see a full staff list, visit KeepArtHappening.org.

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About the Arts and Education Council: *Keep Art Happening.* – The Arts and Education Council ensures the 16-county, bi-state region is rich with arts and cultural experiences for all through programs and services that support more than 70 organizations each year, including: operating grants; arts incubation at the Centene Center for the Arts; PNC Program Grants; the Creative Impact Fund, with lead support from Bayer Fund; Creative Impact Fund for Diversifying the Arts; the Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers; Bayer Fund Rural Community Arts Program grants; the Art Education Fund, underwritten by Wells Fargo Advisors; the Catalyst Innovation Lab; the Katherine Dunham Fellowship; the stARTup Creative Competition; Leadership Roundtables; Arts Marketers; the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association; the Keep Art Happening Scholarship; and the St. Louis Arts Awards.

The Arts and Education Council is entirely funded by individual donors, corporations and foundations in the St. Louis region. Since its inception in 1963 as the region’s only privately-supported united arts fund, the Arts and Education Council has

raised and distributed more than \$100 million in private funding for the arts – a significant contribution that directly impacts the quality of life in our region. The Arts and Education Council meets all 20 Better Business Bureau Charity Standards and has earned the Wise Giving Seal of Approval, a three-star rating from Charity Navigator and a Guidestar Exchange Gold Participant rating.

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