



Citizen Artistry Model for Community Engagement: Application

**Step 1: Gather your artistic team and community partners**

**What assets can you/your team bring to your community?**

Skills	Perspectives	Passions	Knowledge

**What's an upcoming artistic project that you hope to work on?**

**What story would you like to tell with this project? Why do you want to tell this story in *this* community? Who do you want to share this story with?**

## **Gathering community partners**

**What individuals** in the community might have a particular interest or stake in the stories you are hoping to tell with this project? Can you invite them to join the project as a partner and help identify additional partnerships?

**What community associations** (nonprofits, grassroots organizations, social and cultural organizations) might have a stake in the stories you are hoping to tell with this project?

**What community institutions** (libraries, university entities, etc.) might have a stake in the stories you are hoping to tell with this project?

**What community spaces** might be an ideal way to make this art accessible and in conversation with the community?

**What financial opportunities** (including local businesses) might be available to support this project?



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## Step 2: Imagine a collective vision

**Based on your individual, team, and community asset maps, revisit your *why***

**Why is this project important to you and your relationship with your community?**

### **Appreciative Inquiry/Continued Asset-Mapping**

**Discover** existing assets that you and your team could contribute to this particular project.

What assets *can* you bring to the table for this project? (Look at your asset map!)

What assets do I *want* to bring to the table for this project? (Take into account your capacity!)

**Dream** about what *might/could* be for this project.

What do you want to walk away from this project having experienced and/or accomplished?

What do you hope community members walk away feeling, thinking, and/or planning to do?

**Design** what *should* be and how you will get there, with the support of community assets.  
With your current assets, how can you reach that dream for this project?

What is your action plan, and how can you share responsibilities?

What are your expectations for yourself, your collaborators?

**Destiny:** Implementation and sustaining.

How can you follow the action plan, checking in with yourself, your team, your community to track progress and adapt as needed?

What should be included in those check-ins to make them effective and supportive?

