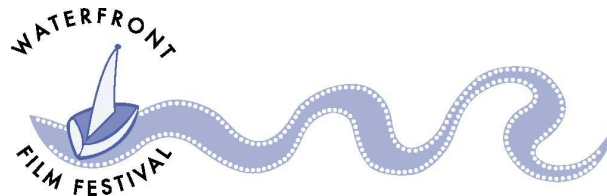


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Waterfront Film Organization Awarded Grant for New Facility

*\$25K Capital Improvement Grant will help establish
a multiuse creative space*

Holland, Mich., March 17, 2016 – The nonprofit Waterfront Film Organization is the recipient of a \$25,350 grant from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of 559 applications competing for MCACA fiscal year 2016 funding.

The capital improvement grant will provide matching dollars, making it possible for Waterfront to establish a bricks and mortar venue for artists and community members to meet, network, educate, and create; with a specific emphasis on film, new media and technology. Among the many possible uses, the renovated facility located in Holland, Michigan, will be a screening venue for showcasing independent films and will serve as headquarters for the nonprofit Waterfront Film organization.

Since 1999, Waterfront has been bringing unique film experiences, education and opportunities to Michigan. After 17 years of producing the critically acclaimed annual Waterfront Film Festival, the organization is transitioning into a year-round foundation for supporting cinematic endeavors. While the organization is revamping, it is taking a creative hiatus from hosting its' annual summertime Festival.

“Waterfront is thrilled to be recognized with approval from the State level. This grant is an amazing step toward establishing a unique main base for Waterfront and hosting activities throughout the year. We aim to focus on enhancing community spirit through the magic of movies,” said Waterfront Co-Founder Dori DePree.

Waterfront plans to have the capital improvement project completed by late summer. There will be new opportunities for filmmakers and film-lovers in the future, which will be announced at the Grand Opening of the venue and headquarters in the Fall of 2016.

About WaterfrontFilm.Org

Since 1999, the non-profit Waterfront Film Organization has been offering unique film experiences, education and opportunities. Based in West Michigan, Waterfront founded one of the leading destination film festivals in the Midwest, regularly hosting Midwest premieres of Academy Award-winning and nominated films. For more information on Waterfront Film Organization visit www.WaterfrontFilm.org, “like” us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm](https://www.facebook.com/WaterfrontFilm) and follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.com/WaterfrontFilm](https://twitter.com/WaterfrontFilm)