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R5DC Selected by Bush Foundation as Member of Second Community Creativity Cohort

(STAPLES, MN – September 21, 2018) – Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) has been selected as a member of the Bush Foundation’s second Community Creativity Cohort. “We are excited to support the amazing work of R5DC to help make our region better for everyone”, said Bush Foundation Community Creativity Portfolio Director Erik Takeshita.

R5DC is one of 40 organizations from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and the 23 Native nations that share the geography selected by the Foundation for its commitment to making art and culture central to problem solving. All participating organizations are either led by and serving people of color or Indigenous people, and/or are led by and serving people from rural communities or non-metropolitan cities or towns with populations of less than 50,000 people.

“We are thrilled to be a part of the Bush Foundation’s second Community Creativity Cohort. We believe this experience will be invaluable in helping address the issues that are of most concern to our region.”, stated R5DC Executive Director Cheryal Hills.

Each member of the cohort will receive a general operating support grant of \$100,000 over a three-year period and access to other funds to help them improve their work and strengthen their organizations. Cohort members were selected from a pool of over 100 applicants from across the region. The program will officially kick off in November 2018 in the Twin Cities at the first annual convening of the Cohort. More information on Community Creativity Cohort 2 and its members can be found at

<https://www.bushfoundation.org/community-creativity-initiative/community-creativity-cohort-2>

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Region Five Development Commission is committed to enhancing the vitality and quality of life in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties is the mission of Region Five Development Commission. Resiliency, inclusion and collaboration are guiding concepts in achieving mutually shared goals that continue to evolve with local municipalities, state, federal agencies, philanthropic, non-profit and social advocacy agencies. Visit www.regionfive.org to learn more.

The Bush Foundation was established in 1953 by 3M Executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth. Today, the Foundation invests in great ideas and the people who power them in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the geography. The Foundation works to inspire and support creative problem solving – within and across sectors – to make the region better for everyone.