

# artspace

## Building better communities through the arts

Artspace is a non-profit organization that uses the tools of real estate development to create affordable, appropriate places where artists can live and work. We consistently develop these projects in ways that also support more stable, healthy communities anchored in existing assets. Because Artspace owns and operates every project it develops, we ensure that they remain affordable and accessible to artists in perpetuity.

Artspace was founded in 1979 to address a deceptively simple question: how could Minneapolis relocate artists who were being displaced by the gentrification of its warehouse district? Working at the intersection of the arts, urban planning,

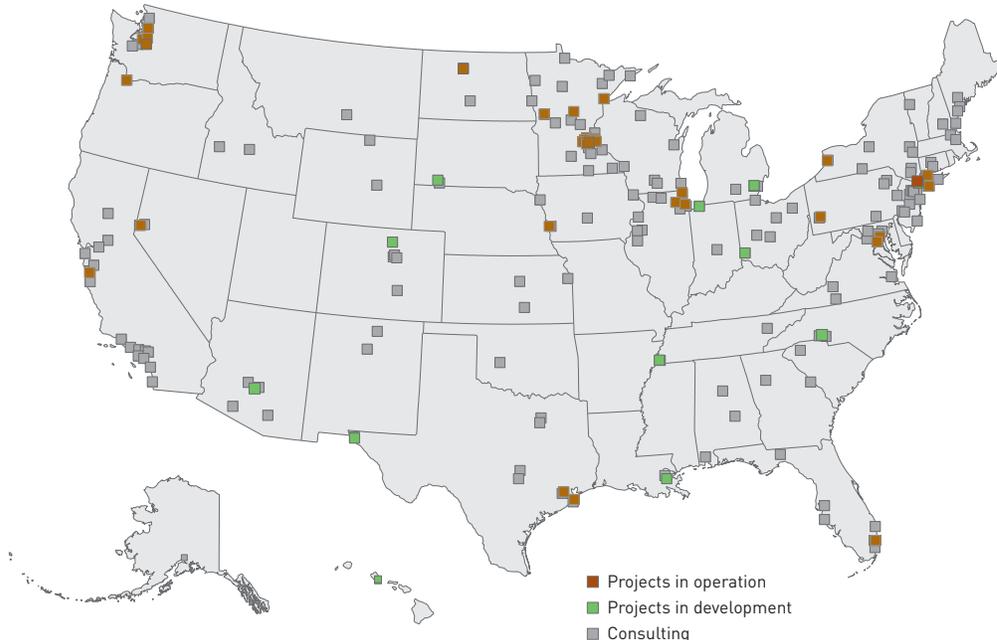
and real estate, Artspace pioneered a new approach to an age-old problem. Rather than seeing artists as barriers to economic growth, we recognized unique partners in building better communities: individuals low in income but rich in creativity, entrepreneurialism, and resilience.

By bringing together an unusual coalition of city, community, financial, philanthropic and artistic partners, we were able to convert a deserted warehouse in St. Paul into the Northern Warehouse Artists' Cooperative, with 52 units where artists and their families could affordably live and work. The lower two floors provide commercial space for a coffee shop, gallery, studios, and several non-profit

organizations. With the Northern as a spark, this once desolate neighborhood has emerged as one of St. Paul's most dynamic, and it remains — through all of its changes — a neighborhood anchored in a thriving arts community.

Artspace has gone on to develop a \$491 million portfolio of more than 40 projects providing millions of square feet of affordable space for artists and creative enterprises. Our unique portfolio benefits thousands of artists, strengthens neighborhoods, and has helped inform and inspire a national movement of arts-centered community transformation.

For more information, visit [artspace.org](http://artspace.org).



“Just take a look at Artspace. They create spaces – affordable, sustainable spaces – for artists and arts organizations, and in return, those artists and arts organizations put down roots and become an integral part of the community. Art is created, absolutely. But so are jobs, safer streets, sustainable development, and a more cohesive society.”

– Former National Endowment for the Arts Chairman, Rocco Landesman

### Artspace Principals

**Kelley Lindquist** // President

**Will Law** // Chief Operations Officer

**Wendy Holmes** // Senior Vice President, Consulting & Strategic Partnerships

**Greg Handberg** // Senior Vice President, Properties

**Colin Hamilton** // Senior Vice President, National Advancement

**\$491 million**

Total dollars spent in development

**12**

Projects in development

**27**

States with Artspace projects in operation or development

**2,946,000**

Total square footage

**1,374**

Live/work units

**37**

Cities with Artspace projects in operation or development

**40**

Projects in operation

**125**

Working studios

**50+**

States in which Artspace has consulted