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RiNo Art District Awards $75,000 in Social Impact Grants to Support Health, Arts and Food Access in Northeast Denver

Unrestricted funding will support three community-led organizations, bringing total Social Impact Grant funding awarded to $350,000

DENVER (Dec. 19, 2025) – The RiNo Art District, a 501(c)(6) nonprofit arts organization dedicated to fostering a welcoming, creative community where a diversity of artists, residents and businesses thrive, today announced the recipients of the final round of 2025 Social Impact Grant funding. The organization has awarded $75,000 in unrestricted funding to three nonprofit organizations doing critical work across the historic neighborhoods of Five Points, Globeville, Elyria-Swansea, and Cole. This vital grant program is made possible by the RiNo Business Improvement District (BID) through its funding and support.

Tepeyac Community Health Center, PlatteForum, and The GrowHaus will each receive $25,000 to support work that strengthens community wellbeing, expands creative opportunity, and builds long-term stability for residents and families. Unlike project-restricted funding, the RiNo Art District's Social Impact Grants are designed to provide organizations with the flexibility and trust to respond to real-time community needs.

"When we talk about investing in community, we mean real resources that help trusted organizations keep showing up — paying staff, expanding services and meeting people where they are," said Daisy Fodness-McGowan, Executive Director of the RiNo Art District. "These grants are designed to give community-led partners the breathing room to keep doing what they do best. Tepeyac, PlatteForum, and The GrowHaus are deeply rooted in the district, and this funding helps sustain the long-term work they're already doing to strengthen health, creative opportunity and food access. We're proud to stand alongside these organizations and celebrate the impact they'll continue making in the year ahead."

About the Grantees

- **Tepeyac Community Health Center** has served Denver for more than 30 years, providing affordable, culturally responsive, integrated care — from preventive and dental services to mental health support — so individuals and families can access consistent care and build healthier futures.
- **PlatteForum**, founded in 2002, connects professional artists with under-resourced youth through paid internships, arts-based learning, and artist residencies that use creative

collaboration and storytelling to build confidence and open pathways to future opportunities.

- **The GrowHaus** is a North Denver-based, community-led organization advancing food justice through culturally responsive food access, wellness education, and leadership development, serving more than 7,000 people each month while strengthening long-term stability in the communities it serves.

Now in its fifth year, RiNo Art District's Social Impact Grants program has distributed more than $350,000 in unrestricted funding to organizations serving Northeast Denver. Grant recipients are nominated through an equity-driven process led by local community members with deep neighborhood knowledge and lived experience. To learn more about RiNo's Social Impact Grants Program, click here.

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ABOUT RINO ART DISTRICT

RiNo Art District is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit membership organization dedicated to fostering a welcoming, creative community where a diversity of artists, residents and businesses thrive. The district is inclusive of five historical neighborhoods: Globeville, Elyria-Swansea, Five Points and Cole. The organization's nonprofit structure includes RiNo Art District (RAD), a 501(c)(6) membership nonprofit that serves as the cultural and marketing arm of the district, and Keep RiNo Wild (KRW), a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit focused on education, community benefit, and creative programming. Over the last decade, RAD has helped form both a Business Improvement District (BID) and General Improvement District (GID) to further invest in and steward the community. Together, the RiNo Art District family of organizations fund and support the Denver community through advocacy, infrastructure improvements, artist support, community programming, business support, and events. To learn more, please visit rinoartdistrict.org and follow on Facebook (@rinoartdistrict), Instagram (@rinoartdistrict) and LinkedIn (@rino-art-district).