

Sharp Visionarts

Community Arts Development Consulting

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We Bring Your Arts Vision to Life.

About



Sharp Visionarts draws upon decades of practical arts and cultural field experience in both the public and nonprofit sectors to provide services in arts and cultural community development including needs assessment, planning and community engagement, program development, and evaluation.

Paige Sharp, principal, brings nearly 30 years of experience as a community development professional within the arts and culture sector. Her vast experience covers the areas of relationship and consensus building, community engagement, needs assessment, capacity building and community program development and implementation, funding program development and administration, strategic visioning, public art, and fundraising. Her creative vision and collaborative approach have consistently inspired positive organizational growth, delivering results that exceed established goals.

Arts & Cultural Development Services

- **Cultural District Development**
(readiness assessment, planning, and action plan development)
- **Creative Community Development Facilitation and Coaching**
(specializing in arts-based interventions that address civic needs)
- **Grant Program Development**
(including guidelines; can include implementation)
- **Capacity Building Program Development** (can include implementation)
- **Cultural Planning**
(asset mapping, engagement, action plan development)
- **Program Evaluation**

Sharp takes a hands-on, strengths-based, collaborative approach to planning, engagement, and delivery, and brings experienced understanding of the needs of state and local governments, arts and culture organizations, the communities and audiences they serve, and the economic realities they face.

Experience

Prior to launching Sharp Visionarts, Sharp spent nearly 11 years with the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, most recently as the agency's Deputy Director of Programs and appointed Chief Equity Officer. There, she led a comprehensive programmatic review to ensure the broadest

possible access to the arts across the state. Committed to a community-engaged approach to program development, Sharp has facilitated multiple nationally recognized programs and initiatives. She's a dedicated arts advocate, natural connector, strategist, and cross-sector collaborator skilled at implementing programs that drive both arts and non-arts outcomes including creative aging (arts and health), creative entrepreneurship training (workforce development), and cultural district and creative community development (economic development and tourism).

An experienced nonprofit administrator, prior to the Commission Sharp directed arts and grant administration services at a regional arts council and led education divisions for art museums. She's been committed to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access her entire career, and is a graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has continued her education through graduate courses in nonprofit administration and evaluation with Indiana University's Paul O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and holds a leadership certificate from the State of Indiana.

Fees

Fees consist of hourly consult time plus direct expenses. Agreements are project-based and Sharp works with each client to design the workplan solution that best fits the outcome they're looking to achieve.

Let's Visionarts Together.