

Opportunities for older adults throughout the state.

NAC's Creative Aging Arts Program (CAAP) is an innovative statewide initiative that provides older adults with creative and educational activities as well as opportunities for socialization. CAAP's core programming involves interactive artist residencies that are comprised of sequential workshops for participants who are 55 or older. Residencies are led by teaching artists (painters, writers, musicians, etc.) who have completed training in creative aging program development.

One of CAAP's primary goals is to address the problem of isolation and loneliness that many older adults experience. There is a growing appreciation for how creative endeavors can invigorate communities and bring people together. CAAP provides inspiring artistic activities for individuals who may have few opportunities for social engagement. CAAP serves to enhance the lives of our older adults and can also play an increasingly important role in creative community development.

NAC's CAAP grants are available to non-profit organizations and local government agencies. CAAP also enjoys a special partnership with Nebraska public libraries. Libraries are in a unique position to serve older adults, particularly in small, rural communities in which the library may be one of few facilities for the public to convene. We are delighted about CAAP's development over the past several years, and new partnerships that have been developed across the state. Feedback from CAAP residency sponsors confirms that quality arts programming is widely appreciated in Nebraska communities.



Artist Ben Darling with participant at the Chadron Public Library

CAAP FACTS

July 2021 - June 2025

- 93 artist residencies funded
- 37 communities across the state
- 62 trained CAAP teaching artists
- 1,400+ older adults engaged
- 3,000+ individuals benefitted

Below: CAAP workshop led by artist Rebecca Harrison with Aging Partners program in Lincoln

Creative Aging Arts Program

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