

# ARTIST & PUBLIC LIFE RESIDENCY

GRANTEE

**BIG CAR  
COLLABORATIVE**

INVESTMENT

**\$7,500**

## Project Overview:

Big Car Collaborative is a nonprofit arts organization that utilizes tools of art and creativity to build community and social cohesion — connecting people as a way to boost quality of life.

By the end of 2022, Big Car will own 17 affordable rental or cooperatively owned homes for artists and their family members through their [Artist and Public Life Residency](#) (APLR). This affordable housing program is an investment in artists who then reinvest in their neighborhood and city. The purpose of the program is to support artists — with an emphasis on artists of color — who then utilize their creative practices to support the citizens of Indianapolis collectively. The artists in the program are chosen through an application process and enter APLR, in part because they are dedicated to strengthening the community's quality of life through what they do as artists and leaders. All artists in the program receive deeply discounted homeownership (houses for half of the market value) or home rental (30-50% off market rate) that comes with access to shared resources. With both homeownership and rental options, APLR functions as an exchange of creative work in the community for deeply discounted housing costs.

The MIBOR ECDC investment will be put towards renovations for two vacant homes that will be part of the APLR Program in Indianapolis and support a mini home tour in which Big Car will open their newest homes to visitors as art gallery spaces for a First Friday weekend before turning the homes over to their new long-term resident artists. This tour of the renovated houses will also feature video and photo documentation of the houses before and in the process of fixing them up.

- + Improves Quality of Life
- + Improves Community Livability
- + Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- + Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- + Increases Public Arts
- + Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- + Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive, and Collaborative
- + Creates Civic Engagement
- + Creates a Walkable and Vital Neighborhood
- + Creates a Range of Housing Options
- + Creates Attainable Housing
- + Promotes Affordable and Attainable Homeownership
- + Repurposes Vacant Properties into Housing
- + Increases Equitable Cultural Development
- + Advances Generational Wealth
- + Pursues Racial Equity
- + Promotes the Success of Minority Homeownership
- + Advancing Racial Equity