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Arts Council of Fairfax County Receives Service Grant from Taproot Foundation

Fairfax County, VA – The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the recipient of a \$70,000 *Strategic Planning Prep Service Grant* from Taproot Foundation. The grant will lay the groundwork for the Arts Council to develop a new strategic plan for 2015 through 2020.

“The Taproot support will help the Arts Council to assess the needs of our arts community as well as the trends in public and private support for the arts. The information and analysis they provide will help us determine our service goals and infrastructure needs for the next five-year strategic plan.”

— Linda S. Sullivan, president and CEO, Arts Council of Fairfax County

Five Taproot professionals will guide the Arts Council board of directors and staff through the planning process, conduct stake holder interviews, and collect and analyze external data to help determine the Arts Council's approach into 2020.

Since 2001, Taproot Foundation has proven that pro bono service is a viable and reliable tool for strengthening nonprofit organizations. In the Washington, D.C. area, Taproot has provided over 84,900 pro bono hours by 580 consultants in partnership with 135 non-profits.

To obtain more information on the **Taproot Foundation**, visit <http://taprootfoundation.org>

About the Arts Council of Fairfax County:

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. It is the only umbrella organization serving and representing all forms of art in Fairfax County. The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information.

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