



## News Release

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### **Ketchum Arts Commission Receives QuickFund\$ Grant from Idaho Commission on the Arts**

***Grant Funds will Support Public Art Consultant's Work with Transit Center***

**KETCHUM, Idaho (January 13, 2014)** – The Ketchum Arts Commission (KAC) was informed last week that it received a QuickFund\$ grant award of \$981 by the Idaho Commission on the Arts (ICA).

QuickFund\$ assists organizations in two main areas. Both provide timely assistance to arts organizations for arts projects for the public and for professional advice or training to assist in planning and organizational development. The Ketchum Arts Commission is working with Mountain Rides Transportation Authority to incorporate artistic elements into the design of a new public transportation center in Ketchum. Grant funds will be used to pay for public art consultant, Jack Mackie, for his consultation services during the design phase of the transportation center.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts endeavors to provide quality experiences in the arts for all Idahoans. Established in 1966, it is charged by state law to "stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the arts and public interest and participation therein..." The Commission must also "encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression essential to the well-being of the arts." The Commission, funded by the state of Idaho, the National Endowment for the Arts, and by private funds, is both a service organization with a professional staff offering technical assistance and training, and a funding organization providing financial assistance.

"We are so grateful to the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts for providing grant funds for this project," says KAC Chair, Claudia McCain. "Jack (Mackie) is a renowned professional who injects great enthusiasm for KAC projects. The funds will help offset the cost of his expert guidance," McCain concluded.

Community members are encouraged to participate in planning efforts for the transportation center. Check [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org) for future opportunities for participation.

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### **About the Ketchum Arts Commission**

The Ketchum Arts Commission's mission is to integrate arts and culture into the community's life. Volunteer members are dedicated to contributing to Ketchum's vibrancy as a town dedicated to arts for all people. The KAC is a division of the Ketchum Parks & Recreation Department, and is also supported by the Ketchum Community Development Corporation (KCDC). For more information, visit the Ketchum Arts Commission page at [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org) or call the Parks & Recreation Department office at 208-726-7820.

### **About the City of Ketchum**

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).

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