



Successful Collaboration Supports the Arts

Appalachian Artisan Center showroom and café.

Appalachian Artisan Center Hindman, Kentucky

The Appalachian Artisan Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building and strengthening the arts-based community of Eastern Kentucky through education, business development and support services for artists. The center opened its doors in 2001 and includes a gallery, café and artisan studios. Artists from 49 counties are represented with more than 200 juried members who display and sell their work in the gallery.

MACED extended two loans to the center. The first loan of \$55,825 was used as matching funds for a rural development grant. This money paid for the initial renovation stages of the Cody Building with plans to add 24 new artisan studios and a computer lab. The second loan for \$210,825 was used to complete the first floor renovations. The facility will strengthen regional tourism and allow visitors to see individual studios, purchase works and attend workshops. The new studio space will support more diverse artist mediums and provide business support and computer access. Aspiring artisans will be able to start and grow their own business in a focused and supportive environment.

Through partner work with the center, MACED has offered business development classes at the Annual Artist Gathering and more in-depth FastTrac® business training classes for center entrepreneurs.

MACED works with people in eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia to create economic opportunity, strengthen democracy and support the sustainable use of natural resources.

Development Impact

Culture and arts community sustained.

Strengthening a regional nonprofit.

Regional support for job creation.

Regional support for new business development.



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