

Downtown Services

COORDINATOR

2019 YEAR END REPORT



Brief Overview

2019 was the year of arts in Downtown Angola. Through the finalization of the Hometown Collaboration Initiative (HCI) Pathway Project, the Mayor's Arts Council was able to implement the Sculptures Angola program which by the end of 2019 saw the installation of 8 sculptures in downtown Angola, over \$20,000 in arts related local and regional funding, regional recognition of the work in Angola, representation through presentation in the first Midwest Summit for the National Consortium for Creative Placemaking.

Other programs by individual and organizational partners helped to support the arts through the development of arts programming. Paint the Town resulted in the development of "Imagine Alley". Driven by Data - an art show that showcased data about Steuben County in artistic and visual form spurred the development of a private sector art gallery. Freedom Academy held an artistic jewelry soldering class and an artistic welding class. A creative women and girls entrepreneurship workshop was implemented.

Art programs are planned to be implemented with local partners in 2020, building increased capacity in cultural community development and creative placemaking.

MARIA DAVIS

MAIN STREET COORDINATOR - APRIL 8, 2014

DOWNTOWN SERVICES COORDINATOR - MAY 2, 2016 - PRESENT



Community Development/ Building Capacity

Community Development encompasses all four of the points here combining the intangible aspect of community "hearts and minds" and the logistics of a well-functioning downtown. This area includes long-term projects. Downtown Services works to encourage and collaborate with individuals and organizations to help build capacity in leadership and resources with a focus on downtown. Supporting and working with organizations that enhance the downtown with its programming is a focus.

Historic Preservation

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) helps to protect our community heritage by overseeing compliance with the City's historic preservation ordinance. The HPC is the gateway to approval for the Facade Grants presented to the Common Council, which Downtown Services helps to facilitate.

Community Liaison

Downtown Services helps connect the downtown community and its organizations with local government information and resources. It also serves as a liaison for the Angola's Main Street organization and works with the State of Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Indiana Arts Commission, Arts United and various other regional and state organizations and agencies.

Marketing/Promotions

In order to enhance downtown Angola's public profile, Downtown Services, works alongside partners to enhance, develop and promote quality of place initiatives and events. This area encompasses advertising/promotion, speaking at conferences and meetings, fundraising, as well as coordinating the 4th of July parade and Cruise to the Monument.

Historic Preservation and Facade Grants

DOWNTOWN SERVICES SERVES AS STAFF FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND HELPS TO FACILITATE THE CITY OF ANGOLA FACADE GRANT PROGRAM.



Address	Project	Facade Grant
110 W. Maumee St.	Facade Change	Yes - \$5000
15 S. Public Sq.	Roof	No - Owner didn't start project
217 W. Maumee St.	Repair angle irons, brick joints, chimney, front bricks cleaned	Yes - \$3,600
130 N. Public Sq.	New awnings, Paint door	No
65 S. Public Sq.	Paint around windows and match door to awning art	No
100 N. Public Sq.	New Awning and Paint	No
55 S. Public Sq.	Clean brick wall, remove side door and build brick wall	No
35 S. Public Sq.	New awning	Yes - \$2756.27+\$529 for addtl work
214 W. Maumee St.	Add 3 condensers for HVAC, exterior stairs and fire door	No
60-80 N. Public Sq.	New Roof/Paint black behind sign	Yes - \$5000
50 N. Public Sq.	Healthies	No
180 N. Public Sq.	Paint 2nd floor windows	Yes - \$577.50

Facade Grant total for 2019 - **\$17,462.77**

Community Development/Programs/Partnerships

DOWNTOWN SERVICES SERVES AS A LIAISON TO DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE WORKING TOWARDS BUILDING AN INCREASINGLY VITAL AND THRIVING COMMUNITY. THE PROGRAMS THIS YEAR CONCENTRATED ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF ANGOLA'S CULTURAL ASPECTS.



Opening ceremony for “Imagine Alley”

Hometown Collaboration Initiative (HCI) - Sculptures Angola

This 24 month plus long project was finalized in 2019. It's Pathway Project which became "Sculptures Angola" was approved in January and finished in June. The grant money totaled \$10,000 with \$5,000 coming from OCRA through Purdue and the City of Angola agreed to contribute \$5,000. The program became a catalyst for many of the art programs throughout 2019. A secondary sculpture occurred in October giving downtown Angola an addition 4 sculptures - making a total of 8 for downtown.

Mayor's Arts Council (MAC)

Formed in October 2018, the Angola MAC went into full swing in 2019 picking up and managing the Hometown Collaboration Initiative Pathway Project “Sculptures Angola”. It has received grants from the Steuben County Community Foundation Arts United and of course the grant money from the HCI program.

Women and Girls Creative Entrepreneur Workshop

This workshop consisted of 4 evenings. Women and girls age 17 and up were invited to share their creative work and learn how to start their creative business. It's first iteration in 2019 was funded through money from a grant to the Mayor's Arts Council from the Steuben County Community Foundation. This program will continue in 2020.

The program received a separate grant from the Steuben County Community Foundation. The first class will begin March 2020.

Driven by Data

This program was developed through some members of the Mayor's Arts Council which received a grant of \$1000 specifically for this program. Members of Trine University's

Acacia Fraternity served as docents and also watched the artwork while the show, located at 900 N. Wayne St., was open.

Paint the Town

The City partnered with Angola High School students Brooklyn Shively and Teryn Stanley as well as the Downtown Angola Coalition to develop and raise money for the students' Paint the Town Initiative. Paint the Town was able to get a grant through the Arts United Fort Wayne Amplify Art! program. which secured over \$5,000 for the project.

Downtown Angola Coalition (DAC) Partnership

The Downtown Services Coordinator relies on volunteers for all of its events and programs and is singularly staffed. They are an essential part of the coordinator's work and without community. The Downtown Services Coordinator would like to acknowledge it's close partnership with the Downtown Angola Coalition and its membership and acknowledge their volunteers' commitment, fortitude, and assistance in all things Angola. DAC has only been a Main Street organization since 2017 and a 501(c)3 in 2018. They are developing the Angola Arts Fest, and Angola's heritage events - Santa's Arrival and Holiday Wagon Rides.

Below are some categories of work Downtown Services partners with DAC on:

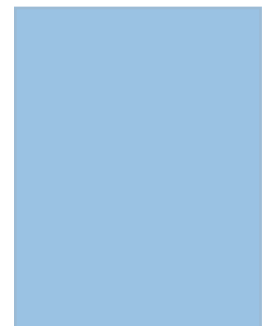
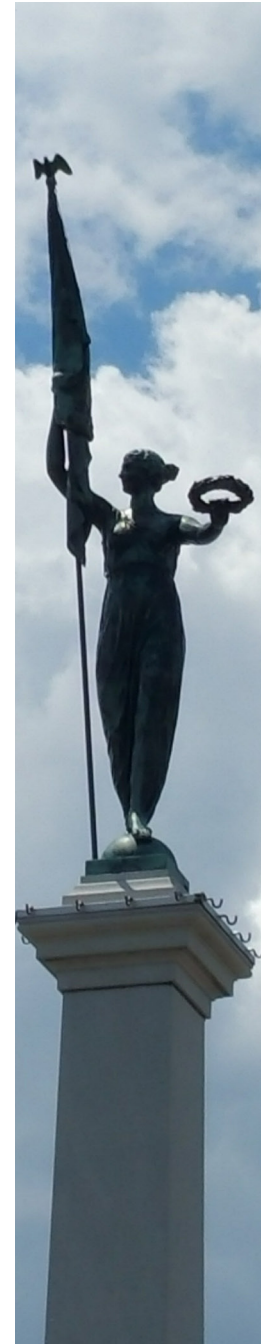
- Main Street
- Event Planning - of note for 2019
 - Transformational Strategies Community Meeting

The City of Angola assisted the Downtown Angola Coalition in gathering survey data for OCRA/National Main Street and sharing their community data results at a community meeting.

- Promotional
- Social Media
- Data gathering

Events and volunteer recruitment

Downtown Services biggest coordinating events in 2019 were the 4th of July Parade and Cruise to the Monument. Volunteers are needed each year for these events. Downtown Services recruits over 60 community volunteers who are trained, deployed and work these two events alone. Volunteer recruitment and retention is an ongoing, essential, time-consuming task that is invaluable in creating connection, commitment, and investment in our community.



Grants

Hometown Collaboration Initiative	Pathway Project - Sculptures Angola	2019	\$10,000
Steuben County Community Foundation	Driven by Data - DONE	2019	\$1000
Steuben County Community Foundation	Educational - Creative Women and Girls Workshop - DONE	2019/2020	\$400
Steuben County Community Foundation	Local Art projects	2019/2020	\$1000
Steuben County Community Foundation	Sculptures, bases, art reception, plaques	2020	\$4350
Steuben County Community Foundation	Creative Women and Girls Workshop	2020	\$2500 and In-kind binders
Amplify Art! through Arts United	Fall Sculptures-DONE	2019	\$4130
Angola Odd Fellows	Downtown Programming	2019	\$1000
Total Grant			\$24,380

Miscellaneous

DOWNTOWN SERVICES ATTENDS, SERVES AND PROMOTES ANGOLA THROUGH ACTIVE EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS A MEMBER OR PARTICIPANT.

- 1 Member - Lt. Gov. Main Street Council - Indianapolis
- 2 Member - Advisory Council for Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology - Indianapolis
- 3 Member - Indiana Arts Commission Grants Panelist for Arts Projects in NE Indiana Region - Fort Wayne
- 4 Member - Trine Humanities Institute - Angola
- 5 Scholarship - Midwest Creative Placemaking Conference - Cincinnati
- 6 Scholarship - Indiana Arts Homecoming - Indianapolis
- 7 Nominated - 2019 Arts United Outstanding Advocate - Region 3 - Northeast Indiana - Won award in January 2020
- 8 Speaker - Midwest Creative Placemaking Conference - Cincinnati
- 9 Discussion leader - State Preservation Conference, Facade Grants - Evansville
- 10 Presenter - Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting - Historic Preservation - Angola

Events

BELOW IS A LIST OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED IN AND AROUND DOWNTOWN ANGOLA.



4th of July Parade- Civil War Re enactors' Float

Event	Organization	Month
Yarn Bombing	COA	Feb.
Pierce Arrow Visit on the Square	Pierce Arrow	June
Sculptures Angola	HCI/COA/Arts Council	June
Monument City 10K	Legends	June
Liv' It Up	Liv' It Up	June
4th of July Parade	COA	July
Angola Art Fest	DAC	August
Special Olympics	Special Olympics	August
Opening of Imagine Alley	COA/Paint the Town	August
Cruise to the Monument	COA	September
Fall Sculpture Installation	COA/Mayors Arts Council	October
Downtown Development Week	DAC	October
Downtown Trick-or-Treat	DAC	October
Santa's Arrival	DAC	November
Small Business Saturday	DAC	November
Holiday Wagon Rides	DAC	December

This is not a comprehensive list. Not all groups register their events.