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Subject: Harold Alfond Foundation Announces Grants to Waterville CREATES!

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WATERVILLE-The Harold Alfond Foundation today reported \$1.5 million in grants to help establish Waterville CREATES! and support work of Waterville CREATES! Partners.

According to Greg Powell, Chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation, "Waterville CREATES! has become the town's hub of art leadership bringing together all of Waterville's major arts organizations. This funding confirms our commitment to supporting the Waterville Creates! mission to lead the marketing and programming efforts on behalf of the City of Waterville's arts and cultural institutions."

In accepting the grant award, Chairman of the Waterville CREATES! Board, Larry Sterrs, said, "Our thanks go out to the Foundation for this continued support made possible by the incredible generosity of the Harold Alfond Foundation. This award will help ensure ongoing efforts to increase the collaborative programming of Waterville CREATES! partners -- the Colby Museum of Art, Maine Film Center, Waterville Main Street, Waterville Opera House, Waterville Public Library and Common Street Arts. This effort has already increased recognition of the importance of these organizations to the vitality of central Maine and helped to continue the Waterville renaissance in benefit to its citizens locally and regionally."

For more information about Waterville CREATES!, please visit www.watervillecreates.org or contact Waterville CREATES! at 616-0292.

Mission: *Waterville CREATES! promotes, supports, and grows our community's arts and cultural assets in order to strengthen Waterville as a vibrant creative center, increase access to creative opportunities for residents and visitors, and advance community and economic development goals.*

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Waterville Creates! partners include: Colby Museum of Art, Maine Film Center, Waterville Main Street, Waterville Opera House and Waterville Public Library