

# Kendall College of Art & Design

## The Rebirth of a Downtown Landmark

By restoring a historic downtown landmark, Kendall will increase classroom and public exhibition space, plus create another “arts destination” for downtown Grand Rapids.

Sitting vacant for years, the Federal Building is close to the hearts of many in Grand Rapids. In serious disrepair due to water damage, every major system in the building was in need of replacement. A LEED certified, historic renovation to make the entire building usable again would be a major undertaking - to the tune of \$22.4 million. Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University (KCAD) has accepted this challenge in order to create a downtown urban arts campus for Grand Rapids.

KCAD offers undergraduate and graduate programs in art, design, art education and art history, plus art exhibits, public lectures and continuing education classes for all ages. Since merging with Ferris State University in 2001, KCAD's enrollment has more than doubled. They are at capacity for student enrollment and limited in exhibition space.

Through the acquisition and renovation of the Federal Building, KCAD will increase classroom space, public exhibition and lecture halls, faculty and administrative offices, create large ceramics and metalworking studios, plus introduce a new center for sustainable design.

The Federal Building will be finished and ready for students by May of 2012, with the capacity to serve up to 300 additional students per year.

### This is Community Leadership

By investing in arts and culture institutions such as KCAD, Grand Rapids Community Foundation seeks to improve access to cultural, social and recreational opportunities that attract diverse populations. This makes our community a more attractive place to live and helps create and retain a “creative class” in West Michigan.



### Ways You Can Help

To help ensure the success of this grant you may give to address any of the needs listed below. Please call Kendall College of Art & Design at 616.451.2787 to learn more.

- Metals Sculpture Studio Equipment  
\$100,000
- Continuing Studies Equipment to equip two classrooms for continuing studies, serving non-credit students in the community from youth to adults  
\$75,000
- Clay Studio Equipment  
\$50,000

### Grant Facts

Organization: Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University

Grant amount: \$200,000

Grant purpose: To renovate the historic Federal Building in downtown Grand Rapids for classroom and exhibition space.

No. served: 300 additional students per year and potentially 100,000+ visitors

To ensure the Community Foundation can make grants like this one in the future, please consider a gift to the Fund for Arts and Social Enrichment. Please call 616.454.1751 to learn the benefits of Community Foundation giving and how gifts can be made.



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