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Everhart Museum Receives \$50,000 CARES Act Grant From the National Endowment For The Arts

Scranton, PA - The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act from the National Endowment for the Arts for \$50,000. These funds will help support staff salaries.

"We are incredibly grateful to have been selected as a recipient of this funding," said Donald Frederickson, the Everhart Museum's chairman of the trustees' board. "Because of the climate and COVID-19 pandemic, donations and other revenue streams are far below the norm for this same period in previous years. It comes at a pretty opportune time for us."

The National Endowment for the Arts received more than 3,100 eligible applications, which requested \$157 million for the \$45 million in direct assistance. The agency used more than 200 application readers and panelists to review and score each application using published criteria.

"All of us at the National Endowment for the Arts are keenly aware that arts organizations across the country are hurting, struggling, and trying to survive and that our supply of funding does not come close to meeting the demand for assistance," said Arts Endowment Chairman Mary Anne Carter. "That said, I am enormously proud of the over-and-above efforts of the Arts Endowment staff to swiftly and professionally manage such a large amount of additional work in a relatively short period of time on behalf of the American public."

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The Everhart Museum is currently closed due to COVID-19. When restrictions are lifted we will adjust our hours of operations under the recommendation of Governor Wolf and the CDC. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email general.information@everhartmuseum.org.

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About the Everhart Museum: Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art, is the largest general Museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart

Museum is dedicated to the collection, care, and display of a diverse array of objects and specimens, including natural history, science, and fine arts. Through its exhibitions and programs, the Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the Museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the Museum, visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.