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We Art Lindsey Street

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Lindsey Street shops and restaurants have seen street traffic and customers being replaced with safety cones and detour signs as the ongoing Norman road construction aimed at a new interstate exchange and widened, four-lane road have plagued the area, leading to massive drops in business of upwards of 50 percent. With construction estimated to not conclude until Fall 2017, businesses are struggling to keep their doors open, while some have already closed forever.

Norman Arts Council, Norman Public Arts Board, Institute for Quality Communities, Norman Chamber of Commerce, Norman Economic Development Coalition and Visit Norman are partnering to present We Art Lindsey Street, an initiative that will make a series of grants of \$1,000 to artists who propose projects on Lindsey Street in an effort to drive people to visit the area and patronize the local businesses while construction continues.

A workshop for Oklahoma artists and Lindsey Street area businesses will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 at Sooner Legends, 1200 24th Ave. The workshop is free and mandatory for any artist planning to apply for a grant. Another workshop will be at a date in early 2017.

Projects can take many forms — concert on a street corner, a mural on a building, free-standing public art, cooking competitions, hands-on workshops or other creative endeavors to take place through October 2017. Between 17 and 20 projects will be funded and can be done in collaboration with Lindsey Street businesses who are eager to attract foot traffic back to their storefronts.