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Visual artists earn \$25,000 fellowships from Troy foundation

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TROY (AP) — A Troy-based foundation is awarding \$450,000 in grants to 18 Detroit-area visual artists.

The \$25,000 no-strings Kresge Artist Fellowships are designed to give winners financial breathing room so they can focus on making art.

The Detroit News reports the fellowship program's goal also is to keep the area's top visual artists from leaving the state.

Fellowship winner Susan Campbell of Huntington Woods tells the Detroit Free Press the Kresge Foundation's support of artists is "one of the best things to happen to the city."

One of the awardees is Tyree Guyton, whose outdoor Heidelberg Project in Detroit has earned international attention.

The grants being formally awarded Tuesday were chosen by a panel of regional and national experts and artists.

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