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#### Abstract

This study investigates the impact of social practice art projects, developed through the Art & Social Practice MFA program, on community health and wellness in Huntsville, TX. In these projects, the artist develops innovative artwork in partnership with area agencies and businesses; community members serve as both primary audience and active participant in the work. The research aims to explore how such artistic interventions contribute to local health and well-being. The study will prioritize qualitative measures that align with the dynamic, interdisciplinary nature of social practice as a subfield of contemporary art, and will incorporate community-based participatory research (CBPR) in collaboration with agency partners.