About MCACA

Since 1966 with the creation of the Michigan Council for the Arts, the State of Michigan has recognized the value and importance of a vibrant arts and cultural sector. On August 28, 1991 the Governor by Executive Order created The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (the Council) to maintain and nurture its cultural and artistic riches. Today, the Council reaffirms and believes in our enabling doctrine:

- Arts and culture enrich our lives and are vital to the well-being of our society.
- Arts and culture bring important benefits to Michigan’s economy, to our efforts to attract business to this state and to our tourism industry.
- Arts education is a critical part of the education of our youth in that it opens new worlds to them, encourages creativity and presents opportunities for careers.

Vision

The Council envisions a Michigan where every citizen celebrates the state’s cultural treasures and arts and cultural experiences are accessible to all its citizens.

Mission

From our historic monuments and museums to traditional practices and contemporary arts, the Council is dedicated to ensuring that every citizen and community in Michigan enjoys the civic, economic and educational benefits of arts and culture.

The Creative Sector: Statewide Snapshot (FY2019)

Arts and culture – an essential part of the creative industries – contribute powerfully to the vibrancy of Michigan cities and communities, creating great places to live, work and visit, and destinations that attract talent and business investment.

This collection of data represents 433 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations, that have also applied for MCACA funding, for FY2021.*

These organizations:

- engaged 603,796 youth in arts education based programs
- have $768,678,077 in annual direct expenditures
- provided 24,428,101 people with free admission
- welcomed 35,202,770 visitors
- have 5,497 people serving on their boards
- programmed 413,040 events
- employed 34,382 people
- had 57,462 volunteers

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that arts and cultural production accounts for $15,396,755,000 and 2.9 percent of the Michigan economy, contributing 122,288 jobs. An interactive dashboard can be found here: https://nasaa-arts.org/nasaa_research/creative-economy-state-profiles/

*Source: DataArts
Grant Awards (FY2021)

MCACA used its general fund appropriation* to make 766 grant awards in 72 of Michigan’s 83 counties.

*when regranting is included

Grants awarded directly: 472 out of 599 applications
Total awarded: $9,194,529
Total requested: $18,791,208

Working with our Regranting Partners through the state, we were able to fund:
245 grants in 63 counties
Touring Arts Program:
49 grants in 22 counties
Art Equipment/Supplies Program:
18 awards in 9 counties
Professional and Organizational Development Program:
72 grants in 29 counties
Minigrant Arts Projects Program:
155 grants in 54 counties

Programs Receiving Grants
- Operational Support: $4,982,534
- Project Support: $771,750
- Capital Improvement Program: $1,684,410
- Regional Regrantors: $894,489
  - SV: $284,040
  - RR: $610,449
- Services to the Field: $589,000
- Arts in Education: $226,502
- New Leaders: $45,844

To get involved or for more information on how the Council is impacting Michigan communities, visit Michigan.gov/arts