

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Secures New Funding for Creative Aging

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) recently secured new funding from a national grant program to advance creative aging programs for older adults in Michigan.

Recognizing that older adults have many contributions to make to their communities—but that they often face ageism and isolation and have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19—MCACA sought funding from the [Leveraging State Investments in Creative Aging](#) program, a joint initiative of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) and Aroha Philanthropies. Michigan secured \$23,000 for its Creative Aging Initiative

"NASAA is proud to have Michigan in our creative aging cohort," said Pam Breaux, NASAA President and CEO. "This grant will help to grow opportunities for creative aging in Michigan over time, facilitating lifelong learning, joy, social engagement and improved well-being for older adults."

"Aroha Philanthropies is proud to partner with NASAA to support creative aging through our state and jurisdictional arts agencies," said Ellen Michelson, founder and president of the foundation. "This initiative marks an important step toward broadened awareness, adoption and funding of creative aging programs across the country."

MCACA is one of 36 state arts agencies receiving awards from NASAA. With this funding, each state will conduct creative aging activities tailored to the unique needs of its constituents. Activities will include work with regional partners and existing data available from the Michigan State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) to cultivate and curate an inventory of Michigan's existing creative aging programs, services, artists and more.

For information about new creative aging activities taking place in Michigan, contact Jackie Lillis-Warwick (lillis-warwickj@michigan.org). For more information about NASAA's Leveraging State Investments in Creative Aging initiative, visit <https://nasaa-arts.org/communication/new-initiative-expands-creative-aging-nationwide/>.

