

At a Glance

Overview

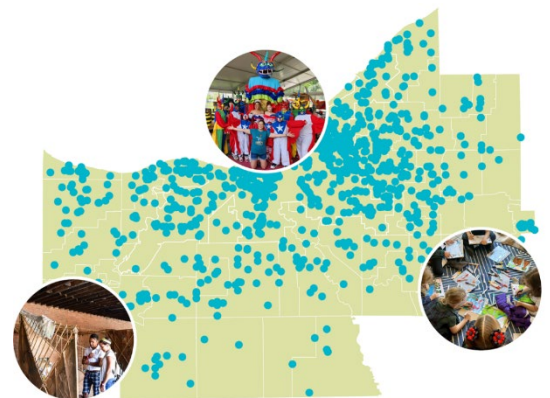
Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC)’s mission is to **inspire and strengthen the community by investing in arts and culture**. CAC is funded by a ten-year tax levy approved by voters in 2006 and reapproved in 2015. Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is the largest funder of arts and cultural experiences in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Since 2006, CAC has made over **4,000 grants** totaling **\$247 million** to **485 nonprofits**. Every year CAC-funded nonprofits offer **millions of cultural experiences**. About **50% are free of charge**.

2024 Grants	Total Grants (#)	Total Investment (\$)
General Operating Support unrestricted grants from \$11k to \$872k	73	\$9,180,000
Project Support grants from \$1k to \$16k	214	\$1,350,045
Cultural Heritage flexible grants up to \$30k	13	\$220,442
Assembly for the Arts grant to nonprofit to serve artists	1	\$500,000
Resident-Led grants to nonprofits for resident-led projects	2	\$160,500

Facts

- **Structure:** CAC is an independent political subdivision of the State of Ohio; not a part of County or City government. By law, CAC can only make grants to nonprofits.
- **Tax Revenue:** Funded solely by a 1 ½ cent per cigarette tax: renewed in 2015, expires January 31, 2027. Annual tax revenue is 50% less than the first year of collection.
- **Staff:** CAC employs a staff of seven, led by Executive Director Jill Paulsen.
- **Board:** CAC is governed by a Board of five volunteers who are appointed by Cuyahoga County; they serve three-year terms without compensation. Karolyn Isenhart is CAC’s Board President.
- **Service Area:** CAC funds programming in every ZIP code in the County. Each of the dots on the map (above) represents a unique location where a CAC-funded program has taken place.
- **Values:** Equity informs all our policies and practices, including funding criteria, program development, and more.



Top: Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center, CAC-funded since 2015; Left: Slavic Village Development, CAC-funded since 2014; Right: Shaker Historical Society, CAC-funded since 2008.