

arts & culture strengthening community

Value of Public Funding for Arts & Culture Fact Sheet

Overview

Public funding for arts and culture is a difference-maker in our community. Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) invests public tax dollars through annual grants to Cuyahoga County's arts and cultural nonprofits.

Total Grantmaking (\$)	\$10.75M	in 2025
	\$257M	to date
Total Number of Grants	302	in 2025
	4,300	to date
Organizations funded	300	in 2025
	500	to date

Facts

In 2022-23, CAC-funded nonprofit organizations:

Economy + Jobs

- Supported more than **10,200 jobs** in and invested millions of dollars into our region.
- Generated \$478M in direct expenditures; \$509M in total unrestricted revenue
- Engaged 12,900 volunteers and board members

Education + Youth

- Provided more than **1.2 million** arts and cultural experiences to children, including:
 - 47,000 classes and workshops
 - 158,000 hours of arts education in schools
 - 4,500 field trips
 - o 2,350 internships and apprentices

Creativity + Connection

- Generated 6.1 million arts and culture experiences for residents and visitors
 - o 4.8 million total in-person attendance
 - o 1.3 million total digital attendance
- Provided **nearly 55%** of experiences free of charge.

About the Data: Generated through SMU DataArts. Represents data reported by 136 CAC-funded organizations as of July 2023 through their Cultural Data Profile. Includes data for the most recently completed fiscal year for each organization.