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## Maryland Awards \$24 Million in Operating Grants to Arts Organizations



*Attendees viewing an exhibition at Sandy Spring Museum in Montgomery County.*

**BALTIMORE, MD** – The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) today announced more than \$24 million in operating grants to 364 nonprofit theaters, galleries, museums, community arts spaces, and other arts institutions in every region of the state. These grants provide support for regular operating costs at arts organizations that meet a high standard of community-responsive arts programming.

“The arts bolster economic vitality, unite people, encourage dialogue, and foster a sense of belonging in our communities,” **said Governor Wes Moore**. “Investment in arts organizations shows our commitment to sustaining a strong arts infrastructure, ensuring all Marylanders have access to arts experiences and can experience the highest quality of life.”

The funding was granted through MSAC’s [Grants for Organizations](#), [Arts and Entertainment Districts](#), [County Arts Development](#), and [Folklife Network](#) programs, with the [complete list of awardees](#) available online.

MSAC is a unit of the Maryland Department of Commerce dedicated to advancing the arts in Maryland by providing leadership that champions creative expression, diverse programming, equitable access, and lifelong learning through the arts. In addition to generating a direct economic impact of almost \$1 billion, MSAC grants contribute to a broader creative sector impact of \$12.8 billion, [according to a recent study](#).

“We are committed to making sure all our state’s arts organizations have the opportunity to succeed by providing substantial financial support through fair and transparent processes,” **said MSAC Executive Director Steven Skerritt-Davis**. “In such a dynamic arts sector filled with individuals who are truly passionate about their work, MSAC’s longstanding, sustained commitment to providing our general operating support funding to organizations helps foster creativity and benefits everyone in our state.”

MSAC staff directed the granting process, with members of the public serving as expert panelists by reviewing applications and providing critical feedback. Organizations interested in learning more about MSAC’s available general operating support grants may visit [msac.org](https://msac.org) for details.

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## About

MSAC, an agency of the State of Maryland Department of Commerce, advances the arts by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations and individual artists. In addition to grantmaking, MSAC also provides technical and advisory assistance statewide, ensuring every person has access to the transformative power of the arts. MSAC receives its funds in an annual appropriation from the State of Maryland and from grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The Council may also receive contributions from private, non-governmental sources. For more information, go to [msac.org](https://msac.org).

MSAC administers several grant and roster programs that support a broad range of artistic, organizational, and community goals. The grant programs referenced in this release are:

- Arts and Entertainment Districts, which help develop and promote community involvement, tourism, and revitalization through tax-related incentives
- County Arts Development, which supports Maryland's county arts agencies and extends the service of MSAC
- The Folklife Network, administered through Maryland Traditions, which funds organizations serving as regional folklife centers
- Grants for Organizations, which supports organizations that produce or present ongoing public arts programming