ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS IN MARYLAND

FISCAL YEAR 2020
TOTAL IMPACT
IN FY2020, DESPITE THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MSAC GRANTEES SUPPORTED:

$20.6 MILLION* IN STATE AND LOCAL TAX REVENUE

10,624 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

$328.2 MILLION IN SALARIES

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT $828.7 MILLION

*Economic Impact of the Arts in Maryland: FY2020 Maryland Department of Commerce. To read the full report, visit msac.org.
TOTAL IMPACT
NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR AUDIENCES
ARE AN ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR MARYLAND

5.9 MILLION PEOPLE ATTENDED
IN-PERSON EVENTS
6.5 MILLION PEOPLE ATTENDED VIRTUAL EVENTS

EVERY $1 SPENT BY MSAC GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED AN ADDITIONAL $2.20 IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY STATEWIDE
INDEPENDENT ARTIST AWARDS

Recognize achievement by Maryland artists making work independent of an institution or organization. The awards are accompanied by grants that encourage artistic growth and sustained practice.

CREATIVITY GRANTS

Offer funding to support the new work of independent artists and maintain stable operations at small organizations. The intention of the CREATIVITY GRANT program is to support the growing need for arts projects and collaborations that are relevant to communities statewide.

A total of $558,439 awarded to 138 independent artists and small arts organizations across both programs.
COVID-19 RESPONSE

While the COVID-19 pandemic is underscoring the importance of the arts sector in all our lives, artists and arts organizations are among the most affected.

MSAC acted quickly beginning in March 2020 to listen and adapt to the quickly changing needs of constituents.

1,645 emergency grants totaling over $12 million were distributed to arts organizations & independent artists to mitigate losses sustained due to the pandemic.
ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS IN MARYLAND FY 2020:
The study’s statistics come from 228 Maryland arts organizations presenting the arts around the state and receiving grants from MSAC for ongoing support of their operations and programs.

The study, conducted by the Department of Commerce, utilizes data collected by MSAC from FY 2020 grant recipients. The study does not include the economic impact of non-profit arts organizations in Maryland that do not receive funding from MSAC, for-profit arts organizations, and the activities of individual visual, performing, and literary artists.

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