The Missouri Arts Council supports the arts that strengthen the cultural, education, and economic vitality of every corner of our state.

**Engaging People in Meaningful Arts Experiences**
We demonstrated the potent impact of the arts on aging at our statewide convening in Columbia. Presenters shared ideas and resources with 129 participants on how the arts help older adults lead vital and creative lives.

We continued to advance key education strategies including arts integration, STEAM, arts standards, and creativity assessment in presentations for the statewide Arts Education Collaborative.

We recognized Missouri heritage by supporting an arts integrated bicentennial curriculum with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Humanities Council in advance of the 2021 celebration of 200 years of statehood.

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**Growing Missouri’s Economy Using the Arts**
We honored arts heroes of our state with our Missouri Arts Awards: Circus Harmony, St. Louis (Arts Education); Kansas City Symphony (Arts Organization); City of Hannibal (Creative Community); Steve Snyder, Mount Vernon (Individual Artist); Cecilia Nadal, St. Louis (Leadership in the Arts); Alison and John Ferring, St. Louis (Philanthropy).

We engaged 4,500 Missouri students in the 14th annual national Poetry Out Loud Recitation Contest by the Poetry Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts.

We participated in the Creative Communities Alliance of Missouri cities to demonstrate intercity collaborations that established opportunities for creating public art.

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**Strengthening Missouri Education Through the Arts**
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*Revenue includes $23,051 (0.4%) in late-released funds.

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**FY19 Expenses**

**FY19 Revenue**

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*Building Futures gives St. Louis young people, many at-risk, the joy of designing and building projects while learning rigorous problem-solving and construction skills.*
People from Ironton and well beyond this small Ozarks city gather every May and October for music, dancing, artists, and (in fall) the longest-running parade in the state at the Arcadia Valley Mountain Music Festival.

Creating community theatre in Rolla since 2002, Fine Linen Theatre focuses on wholesome, uplifting, and often thought-provoking dramas and musicals for more than 7,000 people each year.

At our statewide convening Arts and Aging in Missouri, speakers and performers shared their stories and showed how to enhance the lives of older adults through the power of the arts.

People engaged with art in a lively new way in 2019 at Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art — playing the Art Course, mini-golf that reimagined artworks in the museum's collection.