



MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL

THE STATE AGENCY SUPPORTING THE ARTS FOR ALL MISSOURIANS

WE PROVIDED...

\$4.5
MILLION
in funding

for programs by
558
organizations

for
6.2 MILLION
people

in
162
communities

THE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS WE FUNDED...

created
6,382
jobs

hired
47,499
artists

generated
\$220
MILLION
in organizations' revenue

generated
\$148
MILLION
in salaries

provided
\$4.4
MILLION
in Missouri state tax revenue

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

ENGAGING PEOPLE IN MEANINGFUL ARTS EXPERIENCES

We put the power of the arts in service to our veterans and active military in Art Ease: A Regional Convening on Arts and the Military in Kansas City. Speakers and performers from six states shared their stories and successes, and taught how to support service members and veterans with the arts.

We participated in the Department of Economic Development's ongoing Best in Midwest initiative to transform the department into the top economic development agency in the Midwest. We are focusing on helping the arts create jobs and support workers' ability to innovate and create.

We developed a cultural equity initiative that addresses barriers to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access to the arts in Missouri. This will result in a policy statement to guide our hiring, guidelines, and programs.

GROWING MISSOURI'S ECONOMY USING THE ARTS

We helped advance key education strategies, including revision of Missouri's Fine Arts Standards, working with statewide partners: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Arts Education Collaborative, Arts Integrated Education Coaches in Schools, Missouri Alliance for Arts Education.

We honored arts heroes of our state with the Missouri Arts Awards: Jeff Sandquist, Rolla (Arts Education); Ragtag Film Society, Columbia (Arts Organization); The Delmar Loop, University City/St. Louis (Creative Community); Solomon L. Thurman, St. Louis (Individual Artist); Sharon G. Kosek, St. Joseph (Leadership in the Arts); Cathy and Tom Sakiyama, Chesterfield (Philanthropy).

We engaged 4,000 Missouri students in the national Poetry Out Loud recitation contest by the Poetry Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts.

STRENGTHENING MISSOURI EDUCATION THROUGH THE ARTS

ON THE COVER

EXCEPTIONAL FESTIVALS

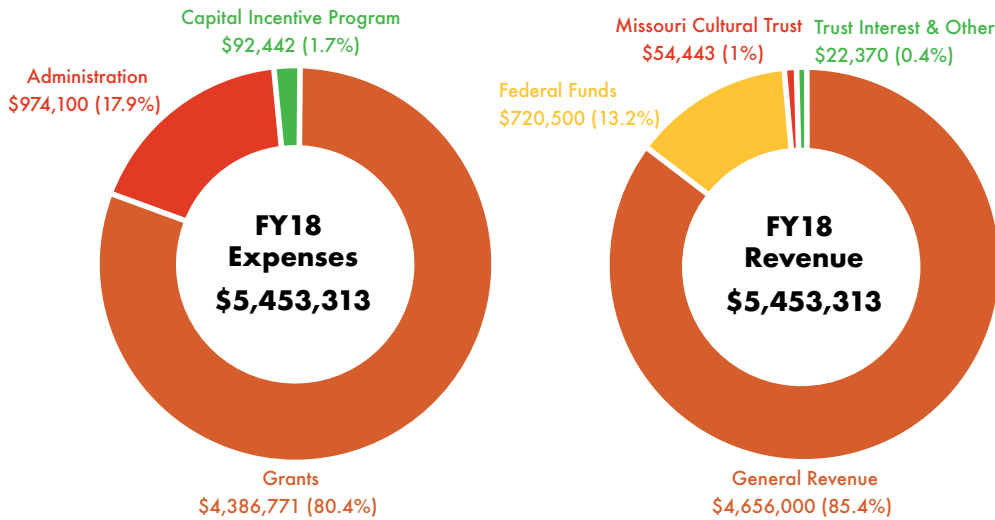
Every November, Downtown New Haven Inc. sets the city's Missouri River shore ablaze with Firefest – music, art booths, artist demos, and live flames from fire dancing to cannon blasts.



downtownnewhavenmo.com/firefest.html

Fire art by Flux Infernos Fire and Light Performance Art Group

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CAPTIVATING WORDS

River Styx nourishes the literary arts in St. Louis and beyond through its twice-yearly magazine of poetry, art, and prose, plus reading series, youth programs, and community writing workshops.

Detail of front cover of Issue 100, summer 2018 | *A Forgotten Tale* by Kirsty Mitchell

 riverstyx.org


MUSIC ANYWHERE

Streetcar riders in Kansas City never know when they'll encounter local musicians during Art in the Loop's May-September program of performances and visual arts throughout downtown.

Betse & Clarke

Members of The Naughty Pines with an audience including KC Mayor Sly James


Enrique Chi

 artintheloop.com

THEATRE FOR EVERYONE

People in north Missouri enjoy a bounty of professional performances — musicals, dramas, comedies, cabaret concerts, children's shows and more — thanks to Maples Repertory Theatre in Macon.

Leading Ladies, 2017 season

 maplesrep.com

CREATIVE EXPLORATION

Art-making workshops, art exhibits, theatrical shows, orchestral performances and more — the Willow Springs Arts Council engages people of Missouri's southern Ozarks in the arts.

 willowspringsartscouncil.org