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MARYLAND A&E DISTRICTS ECONOMIC IMPACT

In FY18, Maryland’s 25 A&E Districts supported:

- $1.04B of Maryland’s GDP
- $72.1M in state and local tax revenue
- 9,987 jobs
- $320.8M in wages

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ABOUT THE A&E DISTRICTS PROGRAM:
Managed by the Maryland State Arts Council, the A&E District designation makes available to Maryland counties and municipalities tax benefits to encourage artists, arts organizations, and businesses to locate within a specified geographic area. Since the program’s inception in 2001, the growing number of districts across the state have helped communities spur economic revitalization and leverage the arts to work toward economic development goals.

CONTACT THE MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL FOR MORE INFORMATION.
 Counties and municipalities can apply for designation of areas where there is a critical mass of arts activity and where they would like to encourage more arts-based economic development. Contact the A&E Districts Program Director for more information.

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