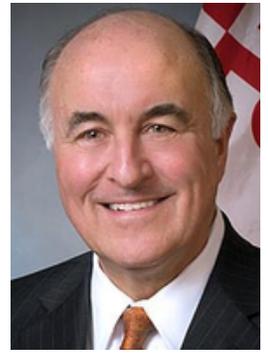


# FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL



# **SECRETARY** **MIKE GILL**



One of the things that makes Maryland strong is its vibrant arts and culture sector. For 55 years, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) has overseen the state's investment in the arts to great success. That investment has skyrocketed during Governor Hogan's term, increasing 72 percent!

This has allowed MSAC to invest in the sector like never before, by:

- distributing tens of millions of dollars in grant funding;
- creating programs that help artists deliver community-relevant projects;
- funding teaching artists to inspire new generations;
- bringing public art to state buildings and communities;
- supporting the work of our 24 county arts agencies and eight regional folklife centers;
- offering enriching professional development opportunities; and
- advancing local economic development priorities in our 29 Arts & Entertainment Districts.

Maryland's creative sector now accounts for more than \$11.7 billion, or 2.7 percent of the state's economy, and contributes almost 80,000 jobs. During the Hogan administration, MSAC's Grants for Organizations and County Arts Development grantees alone have created an estimated \$1.2 billion in total economic activity, supporting 14,600 jobs and generating close to \$50 million in state and local taxes annually.

MSAC's dedicated staff, overseen by a citizen Council, work hard to ensure that the state's investment means that all Marylanders have access to enriching arts experiences. Accessible programs with transparent processes support artists and organizations in all corners of the state. In turn, the arts transform us – they improve our quality of life, boost our economy, and inspire us in countless ways.

With a strong arts council that can effectively deliver public investment in the arts, I know that Maryland will continue to lead the way with one of the strongest and most vibrant arts sectors in the country.

*Mike Gill, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Commerce*

# GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Operating support grants awarded through MSAC's Grants for Organizations (GFO) program provide a base of support for non-profit organizations and units of government that produce or present arts programming that is open to the public.

GFO grantees provide access to the arts in their areas, create audiences for the future, uplift communities, and stimulate economic impact throughout the state.



**\$15,999,067 in grants supported 260 organizations**



*"I can tell you that without MSAC support after the 2020 shutdown, and beyond, Create would not be here today and thriving. Heartfelt gratitude to all of you, Staff and Board." - Linda Marson, CEO/Executive Director, CREATE Arts Center*

# **COUNTY ARTS AGENCIES** **OF MARYLAND**

County arts agencies in each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions further MSAC's goals by encouraging and supporting local arts activity while championing creative expression, diverse programming, and lifelong learning locally.

The County Arts Development program that funds county arts agencies encourages long-term planning at the local level and supports collaboration with MSAC.



**\$4.5 million in grants were distributed to 24 agencies to support grantmaking and encourage arts activities in local communities and schools**

# CREATIVITY GRANTS

MSAC Creativity Grants offer funding to independent artists and arts organizations for project-based and general operating support.

Since launching the program in FY2021, Creativity Grants have become an important stream of MSAC funding, helping to meet the operational needs of small organizations and funding community-relevant arts projects and collaborations statewide.

**208 grants totaling  
\$680,286 were  
awarded to  
individuals and  
organizations in  
19 counties**

**118 grants to  
independent artists  
totaling \$387,597**

**90 grants to  
organizations  
totaling \$292,688**



# PUBLIC ART

MSAC's Public Art programs promote and support the inclusion of art in the everyday experiences of Marylanders through direct commissions, grants, technical assistance, and professional development that support planning, creating, and caring for art in public spaces across the state.

**45 grants  
totaling  
\$756,995  
supported  
public art  
projects in 11  
counties**

**Three  
artwork  
commissions  
projects  
completed  
totaling  
\$295,000**

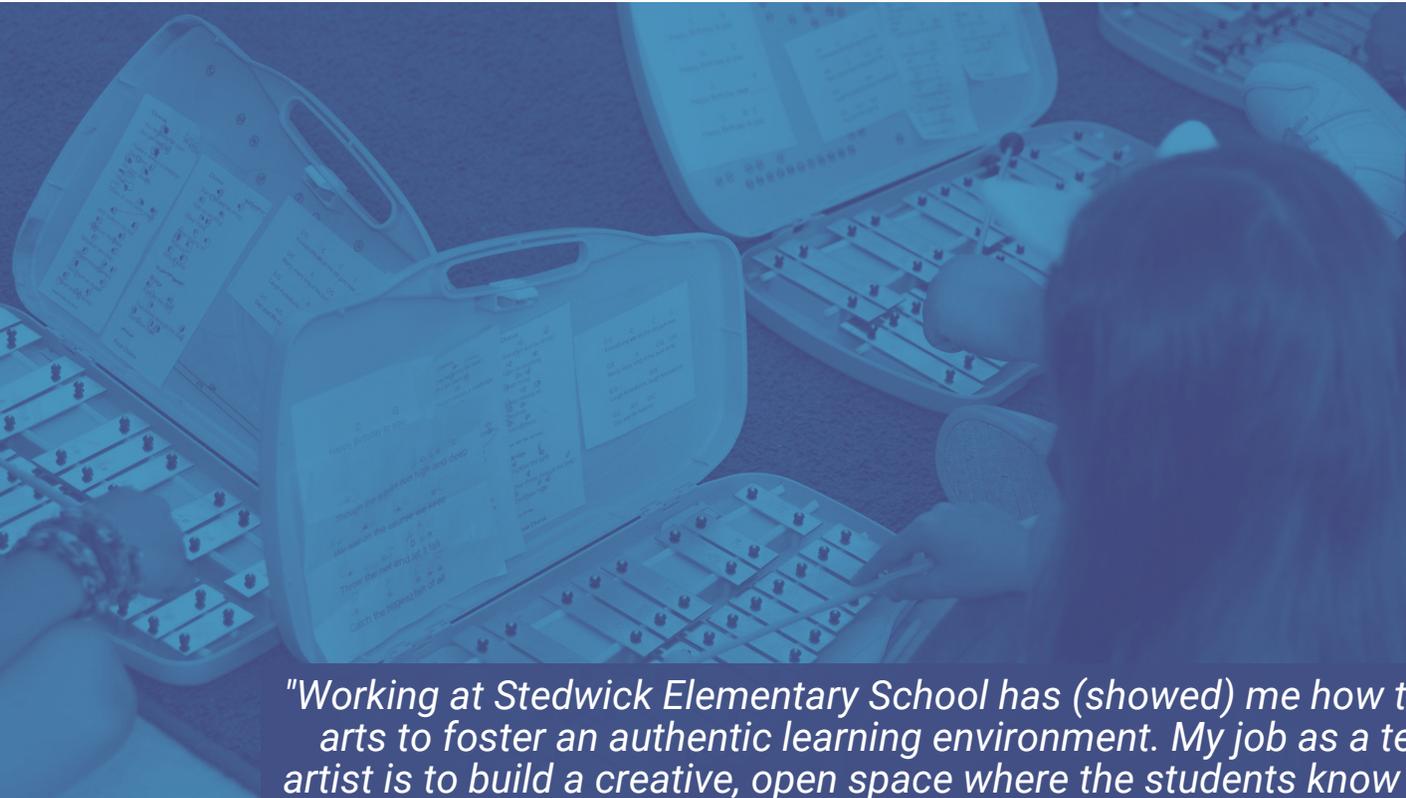


*"One of Baltimore's most joyful and beloved public sculptures has now been gloriously restored. For this spectacular rebirth, we have nothing but ardent gratitude to the MSAC's fund for conservation." - Rebecca Alban Hoffberger, American Visionary Art Museum Founder & former Executive Director*

# ARTS IN EDUCATION

MSAC's Arts in Education program promotes, strengthens, and enhances the arts and arts education in Maryland's schools and community settings.

**\$511,514 in grants supported educational engagements in 133 schools and community settings**



*"Working at Stedwick Elementary School has (showed) me how to use the arts to foster an authentic learning environment. My job as a teaching artist is to build a creative, open space where the students know that their voice matters and they have the power to change their narrative."*

- Arianna Ross, CEO and Teaching Artist with Story Tapestries

## POETRY OUT LOUD

Each year, MSAC produces the Poetry Out Loud (POL) competition, helping students across Maryland master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.



Harrison Lynch from The King's Christian Academy in St. Mary's County was selected from among 25 competitors from 13 counties as the 2022 POL Maryland state champion. The POL poetry recitation contest is co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation.

# MARYLAND TRADITIONS

Maryland Traditions supports community-based living cultural traditions with three grant programs: the Folklife Network, Folklife Apprenticeship, and Heritage Award.

**\$346,651 in Folklife Network grants supported 8 regional folklife centers' work with local traditions**

**\$65,000 in Folklife Apprenticeship grants supported traditional arts education for 13 teams of 2 artists each**

**\$15,000 in Heritage Awards recognized long-term achievement in the traditional arts for 3 winners:**

- Shelley Ensor (Baltimore County) - gospel singer, musician, and choral director
- Meki and JoAnn Toalepai (Anne Arundel County) - entertainers, event producers, and cultural ambassadors for Pacific Islander culture
- The Waterfowl Festival (Talbot County) - an annual event celebrating waterfowling culture and conservation traditions on the Eastern Shore



*"This freedom that [Black sharecropper-style quilters] have to express themselves with this textile is not just artistically significant, it has a profound cultural significance that we may never know until years later. And if [master artist Catherine Wooten] is one of the last ones that we can talk to -- imagine if we miss this story?" - Suzanne Coley, Apprentice Artist, Sharecropper-style Quilting*

# **INDEPENDENT ARTIST** **AWARDS**

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. Disciplines rotate on a three-year cycle between Performing, Visual/Media, and Literary arts. Awards are given at the regional and state levels.

## **69 Maryland Literary Artists were awarded \$264,000 in grants**

**57 artists received a regional grant of \$2,000 to recognize promise, and 12 artists received an award of \$10,000 to recognize notable artistic achievement.**

**Two state awardees, Susan B Muaddi Darraj (Baltimore County), left, and Teri Ellen Cross Davis (Montgomery County) received an additional award of \$15,000 to recognize outstanding artistic achievement.**



# PRESENTING & TOURING

Presenting and Touring at MSAC supports a rich and artistically diverse network of Maryland-based artists and performing arts organizations.

**38 Touring Grants totaling \$129,010 supported performances in 17 counties**

**15 new artists joined the Maryland Touring Roster in FY22, increasing to 86 active members**



*"Thanks to an MSAC Touring Grant, The Honey Dewdrops brought heartfelt folk and Americana music to the Frostburg State University's Cultural Events Series, including a community workshop that explored singing techniques for finding the melody and creating harmony." - The Honey Dewdrops*

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

Maryland's 29 Arts & Entertainment (A&E) Districts help develop and promote community involvement, tourism, and revitalization through tax-related incentives.



**Operating support grants totaling \$464,000 supported activities in districts statewide**

In 2022, the program, which was the first legislatively created program of its kind in the U.S., marked 20 years of supporting economic development in Maryland communities through encouraging arts activity.

Districts in Bethesda, Cumberland, Hagerstown, Silver Spring as well as the Bromo and Station North districts in Baltimore City were redesignated, extending the benefits to artists, property owners, and businesses for an additional 10 years.

# **PROFESSIONAL** **DEVELOPMENT**

MSAC offers the arts community across the state multiple avenues for connecting with MSAC and with one another through learning and networking.

**82 virtual  
professional  
development  
sessions were  
offered by MSAC,  
serving 2,427  
participants**

Professional Development Opportunity grants encourage and support Maryland artists and arts organizations with funding to participate in training and other professional development opportunities relevant to their work.

**63 grants  
totaling \$111,944**

# **SPECIAL REQUEST GRANTS**

Special Request Grants give arts organizations the opportunity to apply for funding to support projects that fall outside of the scope of MSAC's other grant programs.



**Special Request Grants totaling \$527,647 supported a variety of projects, including the planning and early development of a traditional arts center focused on Appalachian arts and culture, as well as production costs for live theatre productions by and for formerly incarcerated individuals.**

# **EMERGENCY GRANTS**

Emergency Grants support the needs of independent artists as they adjust to income losses as a result of an emergency.

**\$416,000 in Emergency Grants were awarded to 208 artists**

# EXHIBITIONS

The Maryland Regional Virtual Exhibition Series showcased multidisciplinary artists from across the state in collaboration with county art agencies. The continuing virtual exhibition series featured 161 artworks created by 127 artists on a virtual exhibition platform and MSAC's social media channels in FY2022.

## Series #1: Capital Region

August 16 - October 15, 2021

30 different art pieces created by 15 artists residing in Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's County

## Series #2: Southern Maryland

November 15, 2021 - January 17, 2022

37 art pieces created by 19 artists residing in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's County

## #3: Central Maryland

March 18 - May 13, 2022

46 art pieces created by 45 artists residing in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard County, and Baltimore City

## Series #4: Eastern Shore

June 17 - August 19, 2022

48 art pieces created by 48 artists residing in Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester County

# FINANCIALS

## ALLEGANY

A&E Operating Support: \$33,142  
County Arts Development: \$173,956  
Creativity Grant: \$17,500  
Emergency Grant: \$4,000  
Folklife Network: \$46,250  
Grants For Organizations: \$50,129  
Independent Artist Award: \$2,000  
Network Organizational Development: \$10,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$8,000  
Professional Development: \$1,500  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$49,800  
Special Request: \$50,000  
**Total: \$446,277**

## ANNE ARUNDEL

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$61,681  
County Arts Development: \$212,056  
Creativity Grant: \$23,850  
Emergency Grant: \$62,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$817,284  
Heritage Award: \$5,000  
Independent Artist Award: \$6,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$4,677  
Professional Development: \$7,200  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$47,239  
**Total: \$1,263,559**

## BALTIMORE CITY

A&E Operating Support: \$66,284  
Arts in Education: \$70,878  
County Arts Development: \$212,305  
Creativity Grant: \$224,465  
Emergency Grant: \$132,000  
Folklife Apprenticeship: \$15,000  
Folklife Network: \$46,875  
Grants For Organizations: \$7,574,888  
Independent Artist Award: \$56,000  
Network Organizational Development: \$10,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$25,137  
Professional Development: \$38,185  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$317,640  
Special Request: \$277,272  
**Total: \$9,066,928**

## BALTIMORE COUNTY

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$14,065  
County Arts Development: \$230,130  
Creativity Grant: \$72,603  
Emergency Grant: \$32,000  
Folklife Apprenticeship: \$5,000  
Folklife Network: \$44,585  
Grants For Organizations: \$351,416  
Independent Artist Award: \$45,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$12,750  
Professional Development: \$8,800  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$5,000  
**Total: \$837,920**

## CALVERT

Arts in Education: \$4,312  
County Arts Development: \$175,666  
Emergency Grant: \$2,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$89,862  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$20,000  
**Total: \$291,840**

## CAROLINE

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
County Arts Development: \$171,239  
Creativity Grant: \$3,500  
Presenting and Touring: \$5,244  
**Total: \$196,554**

## CARROLL

County Arts Development: \$181,315  
Creativity Grant: \$3,500  
Emergency Grant: \$2,000  
Folklife Apprenticeship: \$5,000  
Folklife Network: \$42,710  
Grants For Organizations: \$58,189  
Heritage Award: \$5,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$5,250  
**Total: \$302,964**

## CECIL

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$3,675  
County Arts Development: \$176,435  
Creativity Grant: \$2,000  
Emergency Grant: \$4,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$15,862  
Network Organizational Development: \$15,036  
Presenting and Touring: \$2,500  
**Total: \$236,079**

## CHARLES

County Arts Development: \$180,969  
Creativity Grant: \$13,997  
Emergency Grant: \$2,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$17,425  
Special Request: \$5,000  
**Total: \$219,391**

## DORCHESTER

Arts in Education: \$4,947  
County Arts Development: \$171,117  
Independent Artist Award: \$2,000  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$24,945  
**Total: \$203,009**

## FREDERICK

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$11,374  
County Arts Development: \$188,454  
Creativity Grant: \$26,953  
Emergency Grant: \$12,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$294,478  
Independent Artist Award: \$14,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$5,900  
Professional Development: \$4,900  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$15,000  
Special Request: \$30,000  
**Total: \$619,630**

## GARRETT

A&E Operating Support: \$33,142  
County Arts Development: \$170,894  
Creativity Grant: \$3,500  
Emergency Grant: \$2,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$20,594  
Presenting and Touring: \$3,650  
**Total: \$233,780**

## HARFORD

A&E Operating Support: \$33,142  
Arts in Education: \$1,222  
County Arts Development: \$187,833  
Creativity Grant: \$5,700  
Emergency Grant: \$16,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$79,215  
Network Organizational Development: \$9,375  
Presenting and Touring: \$5,000  
Professional Development: \$1,435  
**Total: \$338,922**

## HOWARD

Arts in Education: \$22,935  
County Arts Development: \$193,138  
Creativity Grant: \$45,921  
Emergency Grant: \$10,000  
Folklife Apprenticeship: \$5,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$226,097  
Independent Artist Award: \$10,000  
Network Organizational Development: \$10,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$5,000  
Professional Development: \$5,745  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$20,000  
**Total: \$553,836**

## KENT

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$3,690  
County Arts Development: \$170,177  
Creativity Grant: \$5,500  
Emergency Grant: \$6,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$90,860  
Independent Artist Award: \$4,000  
Professional Development: \$4,995  
**Total: \$301,793**

# FINANCIALS

## MONTGOMERY

A&E Operating Support: \$49,713  
Arts in Education: \$200,789  
County Arts Development: \$246,909  
Creativity Grant: \$119,425  
Emergency Grant: \$46,000  
Folklife Apprenticeship: \$20,000  
Folklife Network: \$46,085  
Grants For Organizations: \$4,143,098  
Independent Artist Award: \$79,000  
Network Organizational Development: \$10,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$22,050  
Professional Development: \$21,599  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$103,872  
Special Request: \$102,600  
**Total: \$5,211,140**

## PRINCE GEORGE'S

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$76,046  
County Arts Development: \$236,342  
Creativity Grant: \$57,462  
Emergency Grant: \$78,000  
Folklife Apprenticeship: \$15,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$1,234,757  
Independent Artist Award: \$10,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$11,800  
Professional Development: \$5,400  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$88,500  
Special Request: \$47,775  
**Total: \$1,877,653**

## Queen Anne's

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
County Arts Development: \$172,552  
Grants For Organizations: \$11,636  
Independent Artist Award: \$12,000  
Network Organizational Development: \$10,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$563  
**Total: \$223,322**

## Somerset

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$6,027  
County Arts Development: \$170,642  
Creativity Grant: \$7,000  
Emergency Grant: \$2,000  
Independent Artist Award: \$2,000  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$20,000  
**Total: \$224,240**

## ST. MARY'S

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
County Arts Development: \$177,272  
Creativity Grant: \$8,910  
Folklife Network: \$38,540  
Grants For Organizations: \$29,747  
Independent Artist Award: \$6,000  
Network Organizational Development: \$2,252  
Presenting and Touring: \$3,500  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$20,000  
**Total: \$302,792**

## TALBOT

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
County Arts Development: \$181,024  
Creativity Grant: \$17,500  
Emergency Grant: \$2,000  
Folklife Network: \$39,521  
Grants For Organizations: \$443,336  
Heritage Award: \$5,000  
Professional Development: \$4,000  
Special Request: \$45,000  
**Total: \$753,952**

## WASHINGTON

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$9,390  
County Arts Development: \$179,981  
Creativity Grant: \$7,000  
Emergency Grant: \$4,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$257,023  
Independent Artist Award: \$2,000  
Professional Development: \$1,716  
Public Art Across Maryland: \$25,000  
**Total: \$502,681**

## WICOMICO

A&E Operating Support: \$16,571  
Arts in Education: \$16,399  
County Arts Development: \$176,477  
Creativity Grant: \$7,000  
Folklife Network: \$42,085  
Grants For Organizations: \$132,316  
Independent Artist Award: \$14,000  
Network Organizational Development: \$10,000  
Presenting and Touring: \$5,000  
Professional Development: \$3,900  
**Total: \$423,748**

## WORCESTER

A&E Operating Support: \$33,142  
Arts in Education: \$4,085  
County Arts Development: \$172,644  
Emergency Grant: \$2,000  
Grants For Organizations: \$55,130  
Presenting and Touring: \$2,989  
Professional Development: \$570  
**Total: \$270,560**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## REVENUES

GENERAL FUNDS:	\$25,247,896
FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$1,540,425
SPECIAL FUNDS:	\$1,032,050

**TOTAL REVENUES: \$27,820,371**

## EXPENDITURES

GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS:	\$16,317,967
COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT:	\$4,530,000
ARTS IN EDUCATION:	\$637,917
INDEPENDENT ARTIST AWARDS:	\$264,000
MARYLAND TRADITIONS:	\$80,000
FOLKLIFE NETWORK:	\$346,651
PUBLIC ART:	\$751,996
MARYLAND PRESENTING & TOURING:	\$123,400
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS:	\$463,988
CREATIVITY GRANTS:	\$672,936
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:	\$119,945
SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS:	\$527,647
EMERGENCY GRANTS:	\$442,000
NETWORK ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:	\$86,663

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: \$2,455,262

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$27,820,371**

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