



## MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

Minnesota House of Representatives  
Legacy Finance Committee

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### Mission

The Minnesota State Arts Board is an executive branch agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. *M.S.129D.04*

Created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1903, it is one of the oldest state government arts agencies in the country.

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## Key Duties

- Provide financial support for artistic activities throughout the state
- Serve as fiscal agent for a statewide network of regional arts councils
- Provide advice to other state departments relating to the arts: Capital Art Exhibit Advisory Committee, Capital Area Architectural and Planning Board, State Designer Selection Board, Governor's Residence Council
- Manage the Minnesota Percent for Art in Public Places program, through a delegation from the Minnesota Department of Administration



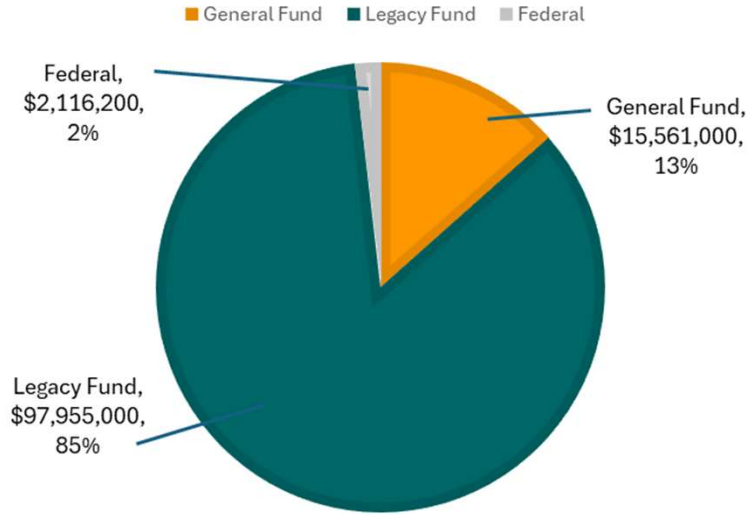
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## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES



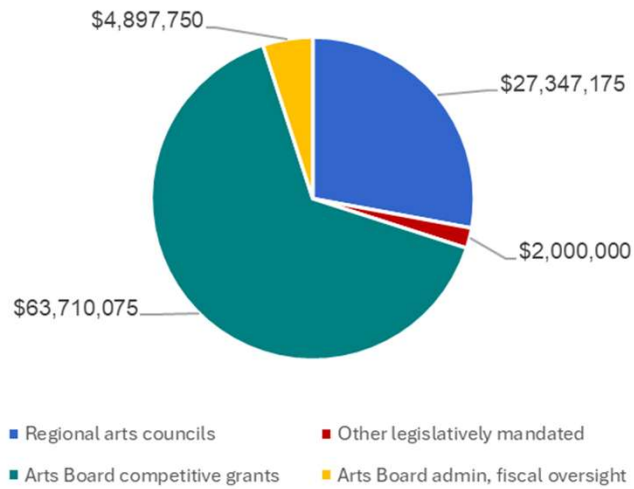
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### FY 2024-2025 All Revenue



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### Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund FY 2024-2025 Appropriations Laws



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## ARTS BOARD GRANTS

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### Application Process

- Announce deadlines in January  
<https://www.arts.state.mn.us/calendar/>
- Six programs: Operating Support, Accessible Arts, Arts Education, Arts Experiences, Cultural Expression, Creative Individuals
- Post application materials at least eight weeks before application deadlines
- Webinars – high-level and program specific
- In person grants 101 workshops
- One-on-one applicant support



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## Application Review

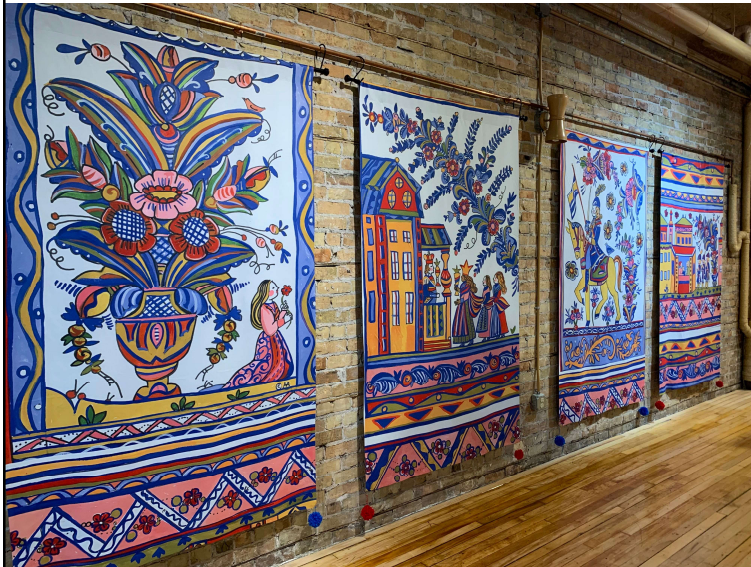
- Staff reviews for eligibility and completeness
- Financial review (\*)
- Advisor panels review and prescore
- Administrative visits (\*)
- Artistic visits (\*)
- Advisor panels review applications in public meetings
- Advisor panels assign final scores
- Allocate funding based on ranked scores
- Board review and approval

(\*) Grants > \$50,000

## Review Criteria

- Artistic
  - Administrative
  - Engagement
  - Public benefit
  - Evaluation
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- Commitment to engaging Minnesotans in meaningful arts programming
  - Feasible plan
  - Underserved populations will benefit

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## Grants Management

- Program officer check-ins
- Contract amendments
- Monitoring visits (\*)
- Financial reconciliation (\*)
- Final reports

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## Arts Board Competitive Grants

	FY 2022-23	FY 2024-25
Applications reviewed	2,854	3,361
Grants awarded	2,083	1,940
Dollars requested	\$73,141,621	\$102,217,457
Dollars awarded	\$61,578,550	\$76,087,109

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## Minnesota's Regional Arts Councils

### Region 1 - Northwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

### Region 2 – Region 2 Arts Council

Counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen

### Region 3 – Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

Counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Saint Louis

### Region 4 – Lake Region Arts Council

Counties: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin

### Region 5 – Five Wings Arts Council

Counties: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, Wadena

### Region 6E/6W/8 – Southwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lac qui Parle, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, Yellow Medicine

### Region 7E – East Central Regional Arts Council

Counties: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine

### Region 7W - Central Minnesota Arts Board

Counties: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright

### Region 9 – Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

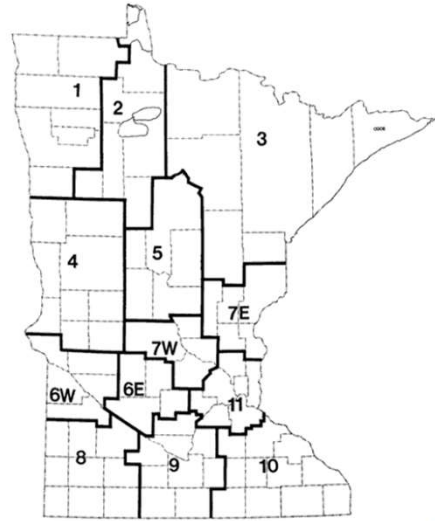
Counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan

### Region 10 – Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Mower, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Winona

### Region 11 – Metropolitan Regional Arts Council

Counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington



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## Regional Arts Council System

Created in 1977 | Councils receive state funds for local or regional arts development



- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Local boards, local decision-making
- Needs assessments
- Biennial plans
- Programs and services tailored to the region
- Plans are reviewed in open, public meetings
- Reports and financial reconciliation

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## Grant Programs

- Grants for artists
- Project grants for organizations
- Operating support for organizations
- Arts education project grants
- Rural/small towns grants
- Scholarship/mentorship grants
- Public art grants



All Councils	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Applications reviewed	2,359	2,411	2,366
Grants awarded	1,616	1,610	1,641
Dollars requested	\$16,126,268	\$16,755,816	\$15,995,224
Dollars awarded	\$9,490,831	\$9,438,223	\$11,001,431

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## Services

- Professional development workshops
- Art exhibitions
- Artist / arts organization directories
- Newsletters
- Awards

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## By the Numbers

In the 2022-2023 biennium, the Arts Board and regional arts councils together...

**7,624** — number of grant applications reviewed

**5,309** — number of grants made

**24,618,934** — number of people who participated in funded activities

**4.3 million** — number of participants under age 18

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