

Greater Columbus Arts Council

2020

REPORT TO THE  
COMMUNITY

To support and advance the arts and cultural fabric of Columbus.





## VISION

**A thriving Columbus where the arts matter to all of us.**

## VALUES

### **Cultural Equity**

Our transparent grant making elevates and supports a broad representation of art forms and artists.

### **Cultural Capital**

We are diligent stewards of the public and private support that drives our work.

### **Sustaining Excellence**

We encourage excellence in the fields of the artists and arts organizations that we support, and in their fiscal and governance responsibilities.

### **Building Community**

Our investments connect the people and places of Columbus.

### **Welcome All**

We promote art experiences for those living, working, visiting and learning in our city.

### **Inspired Advocacy**

Communicating the impact of the arts is fundamental to the health and vitality of the creative community.

All the Black Lives Matter murals featured in this report were created in June 2020 in response to the protests in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

**Cover:** Black Lives Matter mural by Gabe Torres. Originally located in the Short North.

**Opposite:** Black Lives Matter mural created by unknown artist. Originally located at Salon Lofts at the Hub in the Short North. Photo credit: Shellee Fisher.





Black Lives Matter mural by Kelsey Yappel and Erik Johnson. Originally located at Store 5a in the Short North. Photo credit: Shellee Fisher.

**The Greater Columbus Arts Council thanks the city of Columbus, Franklin County and the Ohio Arts Council for their ongoing support.**

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In late 2020, the Greater Columbus Arts Council board of trustees approved a strategic plan that will guide the Arts Council's work over the next few years. Arts Council leaders, staff and stakeholders worked together to create the plan and articulate four strategic pillars, which will serve as the foundation for the work ahead.

The 2020 Report to the Community has been reorganized to address our work within these four pillars.

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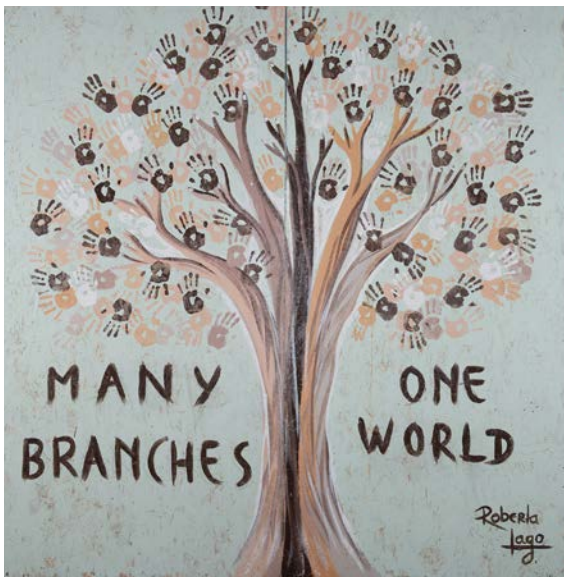
# ADVOCATE > Letter from the Board Chair and President

By any standard 2020 was an unprecedented year. In January we looked forward to investing in the community with a new, sustainable funding source and a year ripe with possibility. Just eight short

weeks later we found ourselves on the precipice of a worldwide pandemic, and by mid-March nearly all arts and cultural activities in central Ohio had ceased as mandates to close swept across Ohio and the nation. As June arrived we found ourselves in a period of social and racial unrest not seen in decades.

We are grateful for the stalwart support that the city of Columbus and Franklin County Commissioners provided us throughout this difficult time. Between the city CARES Act dollars and Franklin County's commitment to sustain their support for our grant funds, the Arts Council not only survived but was able to double down on our commitment to the community.

The following highlights are some of the ways in which we adapted to the pandemic and social unrest and how we invested financial resources and energy to benefit our community in 2020:



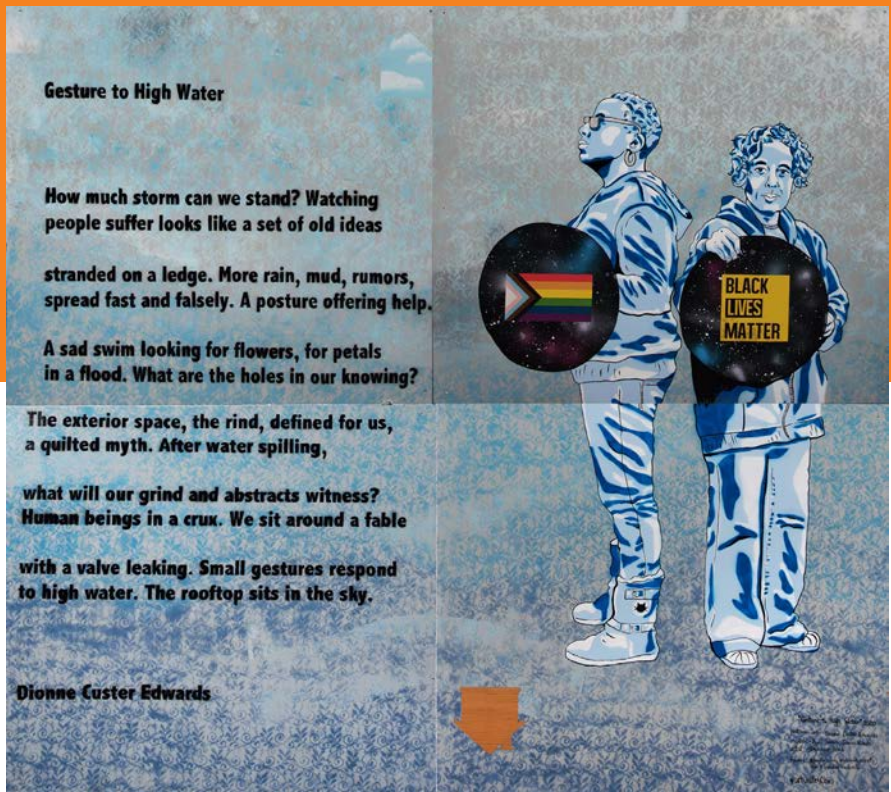
Black Lives Matter mural by Roberta Lago. Originally located at Hubbard Grille in the Short North. Photo credit: Shellee Fisher.

- >> The pandemic hit artists particularly hard. GCAC quickly established the COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists Fund to help with basic needs like rent, food and medical bills. With the support of numerous individuals and businesses, more than \$328,000 was awarded in just over three months to support 428 artists with these grants.

Black Lives Matter mural by Peter Franz and Promise McLeod. Originally located at Martini at High and Vine. Photo credit: Shellee Fisher.



- >> Grants to our 25 Operating Support organizations increased slightly over 2019 to \$5,598,088. While Project Support applications declined due to cancellation of live events, we were still able to award 44 grants for a total of \$543,393.
- >> When the protests began in June after the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor at the hands of law enforcement, the Arts Council partnered with CAPA to present Art Unites Cbus, which paid artists to create messages of love, healing and unity on the plywood covering damaged business storefronts. In addition, Art Unites Cbus expanded its impact to present cash awards to Black filmmakers and photographers for their documentation of the protests in Columbus.



Black Lives Matter mural by Stephanie Rond, poetry by Dionne Custer Edwards. Originally located at 1614 N. High St. Photo credit: Shellee Fisher.

Black Lives Matter mural by Andrew Lundberg. Originally located at the Greater Columbus Arts Council office on E. Long St. Photo credit: Shellee Fisher.

**Gesture to High Water**

How much storm can we stand? Watching people suffer looks like a set of old ideas stranded on a ledge. More rain, mud, rumors, spread fast and falsely. A posture offering help. A sad swim looking for flowers, for petals in a flood. What are the holes in our knowing?

The exterior space, the rind, defined for us, a quilted myth. After water spilling, what will our grind and abstracts witness? Human beings in a crux. We sit around a fable with a valve leaking. Small gestures respond to high water. The rooftop sits in the sky.

**Dionne Custer Edwards**

- >> The Arts Council began a partnership with Maroon Arts Group and the city of Columbus on Deliver Black Dreams, a new and aspirational racial equity campaign that is using the power of public art to launch a sustaining and future-focused approach to advance racial equity in Columbus.
- >> We joined Can't Stop Cbus, a community-wide volunteer effort to provide solutions to numerous sectors during the pandemic. The partnership resulted in the deeply impactful Curbside Concerts and Gravity Uplifts murals, and the launch of ArtWalks, a new app to help people explore public art throughout central Ohio.
- >> We presented three Arts Council events virtually for the first time—the Columbus Arts Festival in Place, the Community Arts Partnership Awards and our Annual Public Forum.
- >> In April, the Arts Council moved into our new home at 182 E. Long St. improving our visibility and physical accessibility to the community.
- >> In the fall we implemented our 2020-2025 strategic plan, a vision that weaves our work on diversity, equity and inclusion throughout all of the plan's foundational pillars and all aspects of our organization.

While we hesitate to predict what 2021 will bring after the year we've had, the people of central Ohio can be assured that the Arts Council is committed to supporting and advancing the arts and cultural fabric of Columbus toward the vision of a thriving community where the arts matter to all of us.

As always, we are grateful to the city of Columbus, Franklin County Commissioners, the Ohio Arts Council and all the individuals, businesses, and community partners who support arts and culture in our region.

Michael Bongiorno  
Board Chair

Tom Katzenmeyer  
President & CEO





# SUPPORT > Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

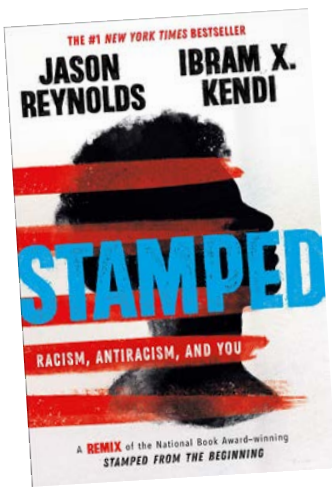
# SUSTAIN

# ADVANCE

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

With the adoption of the Arts Council's 2020-2025 strategic plan, diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI) moves to the forefront of the Arts Council's work. DEI goals are infused across each pillar of the plan and built into the work of all the Arts Council's departments and programs. Highlights of DEI work in 2020 include:

- DEI and racial equity statements were created for the Arts Council and published online.
- A translation tool was added to GCAC.org enabling translation of all html content into 10 additional languages. Interpretation and translation services are available when requested.
- Each Art Council staff person completed a DEI and racial equity self-assessment. The results will be used in developing ongoing equity action plans and identifying organizational goals. The results were presented to the Culture & Equity Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- Arts Council board and staff participated in the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Let's Talk About Race: One Book, One Community program reading *STAMPED: Racism, Antiracism, and You*. The book was used as the foundation of the January 2021 board and staff retreat.



## #ARTUNITESCBUS MURALS AND INSTALLATIONS

The Arts Council and CAPA launched a response to the protests for racial equity by employing artists to create murals around the city on plywood erected in front of businesses. The effort drew grassroots support from artists and businesses resulting in nearly 200 murals. The murals depicted hope, unity, love and support for the Black Lives Matter movement. The Arts Council documented and preserved the murals, and in November, installed curated sets at nine locations around Columbus.



**Top:** #ArtUnitesCbus installation at Coleman's Pointe on the Scioto River. Left mural: *Unarmed Truth & Unconditional Love* by Justin and Kristen Schwenger; right mural: artist unknown; **Bottom:** #ArtUnitesCbus mural at Maroon Arts Group's MPACC BoxPark. Mural by Kelsey Yappel and Siobhan Fitzgerald. Photo credit: Lacey Luce.



## THRIVE

The Arts Council awarded the first Thrive grants to three nonprofit organizations led by and serving people of color. This three-year program is intended to address disparities in inequitable funding in the arts and its impact on arts and cultural organizations led by and serving people of color. Thrive provides unrestricted funding and resources to organizations that historically have experienced barriers to capital and resources. All People Arts, Maroon Arts Group and State of the Arts Productions were each awarded a \$10,000 and have the opportunity for a second \$10,000 grant in 2021. The organizations will be connected to subject matter experts and each other; and they will have the opportunity to be paid to mentor an incoming Thrive grantee in 2022.



Maroon Arts Group's Movement Pursuing Arts, Commerce & Community (MPACC) BoxPark.



The cast of *Godspell* rehearses in early 2020 for a State of the Arts Production. Unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the show.



Visitors enjoy *In This Time* at All People Arts Gallery.



*"We applied for the Thrive grant because we knew we needed to increase our human capital as we opened All People Arts Gallery on the south side. With one part-time executive director, we knew that to grow we needed to invest in people who can help us ramp up programming and coordinate our exhibitions. The Thrive grant allows us to invest in new staff, which will pay back dividends in the impact on our community. It allows our executive director to focus on the big-picture, fundraising, strategy, and long-term growth, while our new staff are able to centralize on the Walt Neil Mural League and community exhibitions. In addition, beyond the monetary support from the Arts Council to hire new staff, we also have access to the knowledge and expertise of their staff for not just one year but three years! It is important to us to build a relationship with all our partners, which is exemplified through the Arts Council and the Thrive grant. We are grateful for the Arts Council's willingness to get to know us and provide resources beyond simply the financial grant. They have offered advice in a multitude of different areas including budgeting, accounting and programming. Knowing that the Arts Council is there to support us beyond the grant is extremely beneficial as we continue to grow."*

**SHELBI HARRIS-ROSEBORO, ALL PEOPLE ARTS**



**Top:** Easton Towne Center has seven murals on display on the northeast corner of New Bond and Fenlon streets. From western the far right: untitled by Katyana P. "Let Our Children Grow Up" by Promise McLeod and Peter Franz. "Brown Boy Hope" by Richard Duarte Brown. Shelbi Harris and Francesca Miller. "Let Us Not Tire" by Adam Hernandez. "BLM in Flowers" by Caeleigh Featherstone. untitled by Jade Davis. "Justice for All" by Planthropy. **Bottom:** #ArtUnitesCbus mural installation at the Lincoln Theatre in Bronzeville, artist unknown. Photo credit: Lacey Luce.

# SUPPORT > Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

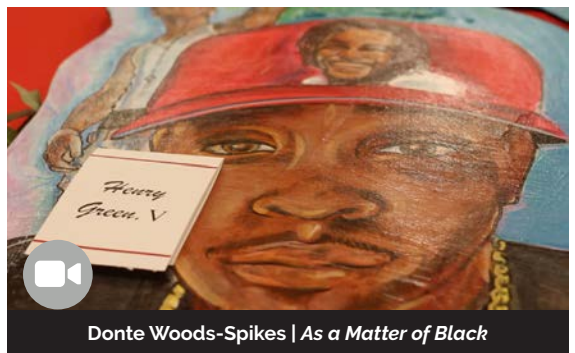
## SUSTAIN

## ADVANCE

### #ARTUNITESCBUS FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS AND EXHIBITIONS

This project, thanks to support from the AEP Foundation, was a competitive call for entry to Black photographers and filmmakers who documented and explored the story of the Black Lives Matter protests in Columbus and/or the art created in response to the protests. The project was produced in partnership with Film Columbus.

The jury selected nine photographers and three filmmakers to receive the awards. The photographers included Kendel Boone, Jamie Ceasar, Teri Dashfield, Asia Glenn, Rashunda Holloway, John Landry, Ngabo Mutenda, Brittney Roane and Benjamin Willis. Each received \$1,000. The filmmakers selected were Sterling Carter, Cristyn Steward and Donte Woods-Spikes. Each received \$5,000 for their short 3-5 minute films, which were shown at the Gateway Film Center as part of the local offerings during the Sundance Film Festival on Jan. 30. The Wexner Center for the Arts partnered on streaming and community outreach activities Feb. 5-19, 2021. The work of the filmmakers and photographers will be presented in the Arts Council Gallery from Feb. 4-May 7, 2021.



Additional support provided by Grange Insurance and PNC.





Ngabo Mutenda | *Together As One*



John Landry | *Déjà Vu*



Jamie Ceasar | *Love Wins... Always*



Rashunda Holloway | *Take It to the Streets*



Kendel Boone | *Stronger Together*



Asia Glenn | *War Zone*



Brittney Roane | *Purpose*



Teri Dashfield | *Power to Black Men in Medicine*

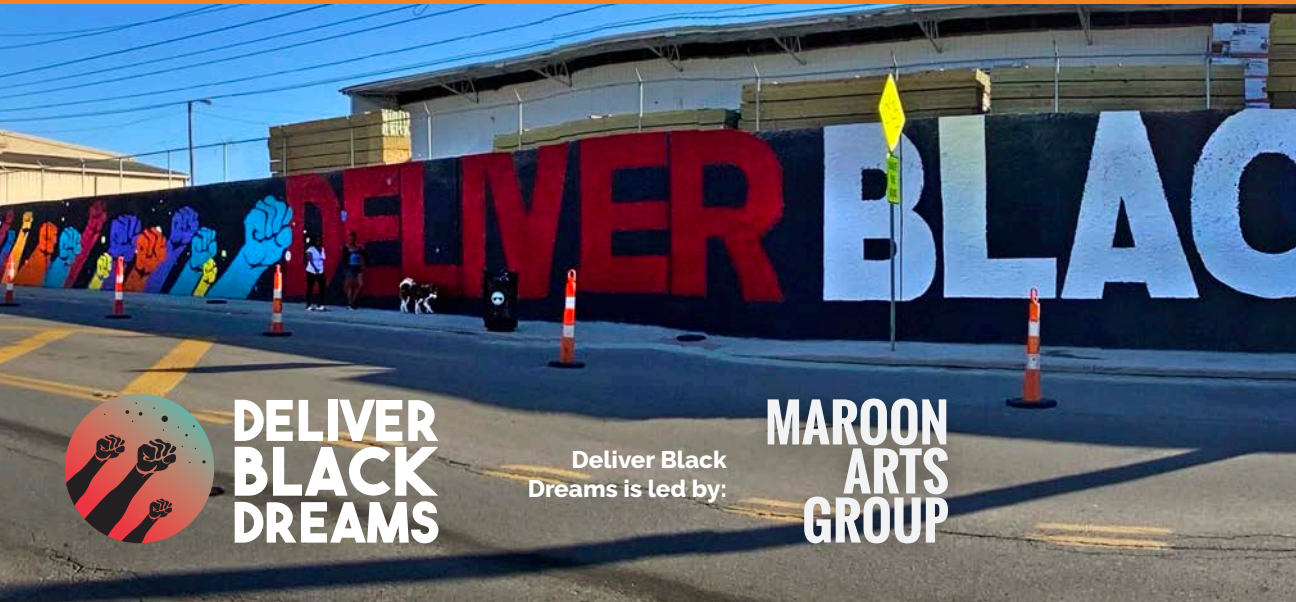


Benjamin Willis | *The Fire This Time #9*

# SUPPORT > Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

## SUSTAIN

## ADVANCE



**DELIVER  
BLACK  
DREAMS**

Deliver Black  
Dreams is led by:

**MAROON  
ARTS  
GROUP**

### **DELIVER BLACK DREAMS**

A multifaceted racial equity campaign called Deliver Black Dreams launched in the fall of 2020. Developed by Marshall Shorts and led by Maroon Arts Group in partnership with the Arts Council and the city of Columbus, Deliver Black Dreams will use public art as a launch point for a sustained and future-oriented approach to achieving racial equity in Columbus—one that helps the community reimagine and design a city where everyone can live abundantly. Deliver Black Dreams seeks long-term change in the culture, and a future where Black people and those who love them are free to choose their destiny, free from oppression. The first phase of the campaign is based in visual expression and employs Black artists to create public art and encourage mentorship of young people and new artists. The first mural, which was painted on East Fifth Avenue in November, was designed by Lisa McLymont and painted with artists Marcus William Billingsley, Hakim Callwood, Shelbi Harris-Roseboro, Francesca Miller and April Sunami, who were assisted by community volunteers.

### **GREATER COLUMBUS ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY**

With the move into a new, accessible office the Arts Council created a public gallery to focus on work by artists from historically marginalized communities. The first exhibition, presented in the late summer and into December 2020, was titled *New Beginnings: From Here to There* and organized by Creative Women of Color. It featured 12 Black women artists.



Work in *New Beginnings: From Here to There* while on view at the Arts Council's Gallery.





**Top:** Finished Deliver Black Dreams mural on East Fifth Ave.; **Middle left:** Maroon Arts Group executive director Sheri Neale. Photo credit: Artfluential; **Middle right:** Volunteers and artists (Marcus William Billingsley by ladder, Hakim Callwood on right) work on the mural. Photo credit: Artfluential; **Bottom:** Artists and organizers, from left: Hakim Callwood, Sheri Neale, Candice Igeleke and Lisa McLymont.

# SUPPORT SUSTAIN > ADVANCE

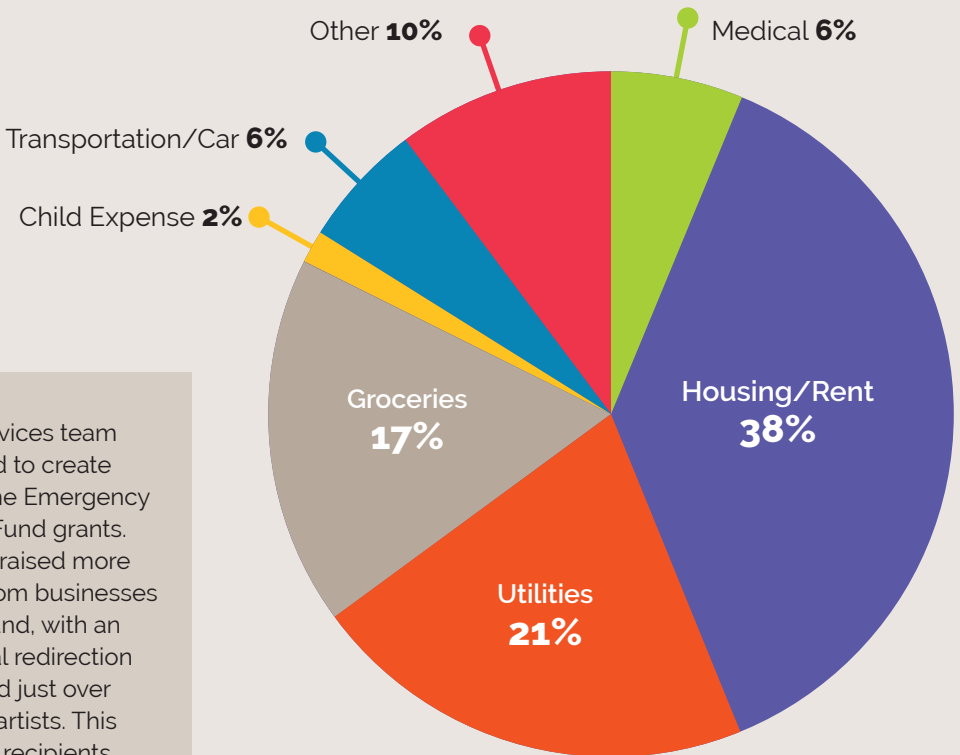
Financial Support & Resources

## GRANTS & SERVICES

Each year the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Grants & Services team strives to serve artists and organizations with the best possible resources, support and expertise. In 2020, they continued to streamline the application process and increase access by converting the Support for Professional Artists grant program into a single application, adding the opportunity for groups to apply, and expanding access with the addition of a dedicated computer room (available by appointment) and providing free parking for applicants at the new Arts Council office.

In early 2020 as the pandemic took hold and businesses were shuttered, many artists not only lost work but were also not eligible for unemployment in the early months of the lockdowns. The Arts Council quickly responded to an unprecedented situation and redirected its Support for Professional Artists grants program funding to address basic needs like food and shelter.

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR ARTISTS FUND



The Grants & Services team quickly refocused to create and administer the Emergency Relief for Artists Fund grants. The Arts Council raised more than \$285,000 from businesses and individuals, and, with an additional internal redirection of funds, provided just over \$328,000 to 428 artists. This chart shows how recipients used their grants.

The total amount distributed includes funds from the Arts Council's grant program in addition to private funds raised.



# 2020 GRANTS

# \$6,804,260

TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS AWARDED

## 25

OPERATING SUPPORT  
GRANTS

\$5,589,088

## 44

PROJECT SUPPORT  
GRANTS

\$543,393

## 428

EMERGENCY RELIEF  
FOR ARTISTS FUND

\$328,566

## 172

SUPPORT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS  
GRANTS

\$267,713

## 14

BIG IDEAS GRANTS

\$45,500

## 3

THRIVE GRANTS

\$30,000

**70** unique  
organizations  
supported

**577** unique  
artists  
supported

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*“The Urban Cultural Arts Foundation was incorporated in 1978 as a nonprofit community art gallery. It was built for artists by artists to cater to the needs of African-American artists. Throughout all the years the Greater Columbus Arts Council often has had our back. They could see the work that we were doing and were willing to support our cause by co-financing several projects like art shows, workshops, and our special projects such as “Elder Artists in the Hood” and the “African Village Arts Festival”.*”

CHIEF BABA SHONGO OBADINA

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# SUPPORT SUSTAIN ADVANCE > Capacity Building

## CAPACITY BUILDING

In the fall of 2019, the Arts Council hired a local consultant to assess board governance, internal controls and cultural equity measures of its 25 Operating Support grantees, the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education and the Arts Council. After six months of research, surveys and interviews, each organization received a group summary report and individual benchmarks. These documents will help organizations formulate strategy and timelines to address areas of improvement.

*78% of the organizations had cash reserves, which became even more important during the pandemic.*

The Grants & Services office created a virtual networking event to assist organizations with recruiting board and committee members who are younger and more representative of Columbus' diversity. The opportunity to participate in the event was extended to 65 arts organizations, 11 corporate board programs and 47 groups representing BIPOC, young professional, affinity group leaders. Zoom breakout rooms introduced 25 nonprofit arts and culture organizations to a pool of 55 interested individuals. At the time of this report, the pilot exercise has helped place one committee and eight board members with eight more potential members in active conversation. Fifty percent of these 17 individuals identify as a person of color. Another event is planned for 2021.



*"I am so appreciative of all that you and the staff at GCAC do for the greater Columbus art community. I use you as an example when on service council calls for Dance/USA and discussion groups with Arts Cleveland and many others. What you are doing is a model for other cities."*

JANE D'ANGELO, OHIODANCE

## RAY HANLEY AWARD

Queen Brooks received the 12th annual Ray Hanley Award, a \$15,000 cash prize recognizing her contributions to the community as a gifted visual artist.

Queen's work has appeared in *Essence* and *International Review of African American Art*, and has been exhibited at the Columbus Museum of Art, King Arts Complex, Ohio Dominican and Otterbein Universities, and in collections across the U.S. She has taught at Otterbein University and Ohio Dominican University, and has long served as a mentor for Columbus artists of all ages.



Above: Queen Brooks.  
Photo credit: Doreen Dawkins.

Left: *In the Moment*, Queen Brooks, 2011



## BIG IDEAS

The Big Ideas program was launched in late 2020 with the goal of uplifting artist ideas and supporting projects that bring all art forms out into the community. A total of 14 Big Ideas grants were awarded in 2020.

Big Ideas grant recipient Verge.fm is a platform of independent radio and cultural writing, which showcased people of color, LGBTQI+, and gender-diverse creatives in December 2020. This innovative project created an inclusive focus on marginalized communities, provided a digital/physical format for creatives and encouraged collaborations between professional and emerging artists. Verge.fm's three-day curated livestream and radio kick-off featured a range of pre-recorded and live-streamed shows and included professional artists who identify as local POC, LGBTQIA+, women or gender-nonconforming community members.

The event partnered with local businesses such as 934 Gallery and paid participating artists such as DJs A.S.L. Princess, Please with FUJ, and Lil Rachel Soul. The event provided a creative platform for artists and collectives like Care Collective (a Black



Left to right: Verge.fm organizers Nadia Ayad (she/her/hers), Reg Zehner (they/them/theirs) and Lu Bird (they/them/theirs). Photo courtesy Verge.fm.

queer-led group based in Columbus), Minus Plato (art criticism) and OPAWL (a grass-roots member-led community organization dedicated to AAPI communities). The Arts Council Big Ideas grant helped the sneak peek event solidify Verge.fm as a resource both in Columbus and the Midwest. Now Verge.fm is a growing business that has 50+ hosts from around the nation while also providing space to allow DJs and other musicians to record or stream from the HQ at 934 Gallery.

## PUBLIC FORUM

The Arts Council presented the 2020 Public Forum virtually in partnership with WOSU Public Media. More than 200 people attended the online event, which featured guest speaker Columbus City Council Member Shayla Favor.

*"GCAC's grant helped us considerably financially this year and organizing this festival was only possible due to the generosity of GCAC. Their encouragement and suggestions at every step about various ways we can further expand and promote our festival online helped us reach out further within the Columbus area and thus brought in more online audiences this year."*

**SOUTH ASIAN THEATRE FESTIVAL**

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# ENGAGE > Partnerships & Promotion



I AM ELAINE RICHARDSON.  
SINGING IS MY ART.

## ART COLUMBUS<sup>★</sup> MAKES MAKES COLUMBUS ART

# 2020 RESULTS

Artists on this page were added to the 2020 Columbus Makes Art advertising effort.

**1,139**  
print, online and  
broadcast stories

**\$19 million**  
in publicity value

**\$407,559**  
in media in-kind  
added value

**35,996**  
video views



I AM GABRIELLE BURTON.  
FILMMAKING IS MY ART.



I AM ERIC RAUSCH.  
CERAMICS ARE MY ART.





**I AM AMBER KNICOLE.  
PERFORMANCE IS MY ART.**

Photo credit: Jodi Miller



**I AM MANDI CASKEY.  
PAINTING IS MY ART.**

Photo credit: Tracy Moran



**I AM DEMEESHIA MARSHALL.  
SINGING IS MY ART.**

**20 new artists  
featured in 2020**

145 artists featured since 2015

**\$98,074**

earned in Google Ad  
grants, generating  
335,570 impressions.

**738.5 million  
impressions**

**861,777**

Social media impressions  
and Web page views



**I AM HAKIM CALLWOOD.  
PAINTING IS MY ART.**

Photo credit: Megan Leigh Barnard

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# ENGAGE > Partnerships & Promotion

## COLUMBUS ARTS FESTIVAL IN PLACE PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOUNDATION

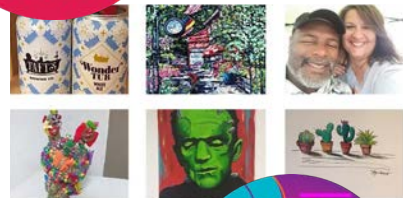
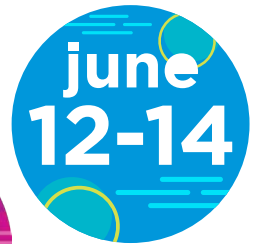
With the cancellation of the 2020 Columbus Arts Festival due to the pandemic, the Arts Festival staff pivoted the event and created an online way for the community to engage with the Festival. It was thanks to the support of corporate sponsors who were committed to continuing their support, in spite of the absence of a live event that the Festival was able to create the online content and significantly mitigate the loss of revenue.

Thanks to the support of partners such as CoverMyMeds and Worthington Industries, concerts with headliners ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, We Were Promised JetPacks and the Harmony Project were presented online and the Big Local Music Stage gathered together videos of favorite Columbus performers. WOSU Public Media produced exclusive artist interviews with a number of the participating artists.

A new browsable gallery was created to connect potential buyers directly with exhibiting artists selling their work online.


The Patron Party in Place provided shareable Zoom backgrounds and recipes for signature cocktails and make-at-home hors d'oeuvres.

The new Chalk Challenge presented by Battelle enabled people to stay safely in their neighborhoods and make their own chalk creations to share with the community through Instagram.



Clockwise from top right: Screen shot of Columbus Arts Fest in Place Big Local Artist gallery; Middle right: Screen shot of Big Local Music performers; Bottom left: Aaron Diehl at the piano during special Festival performance; Middle left: Winning entry by Chalk Art Challenge artist Jan Solari.





**CAN'T STOP CBUS.** **CURBSIDE CONCERT**



Columbus musician Will Freed performs a free Curbside Concert outside a senior citizen's home.



Columbus musician Elaine "Dr. E" Richardson performs outside the Franklin County Board of Elections during early voting.



The Ramblers perform outdoors at Pearl Market downtown during summer 2020. Photo courtesy Capital Crossroads SID.

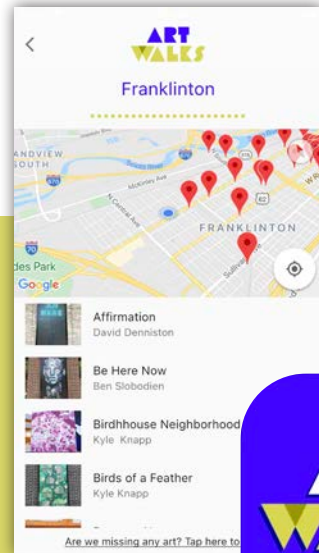
**COMMUNITY & STREET PERFORMER PROGRAM**

Since 2014 the Arts Council has provided matching funds to various community partners to pay artists to perform and add vibrancy to the city's markets and outdoor public spaces. Partners include: Capital Crossroads, Pearl Market, Gay Street Sunlight and Moonlight Markets, Greater Columbus Convention Center, John Glenn International Airport, North Market and Short North Arts District. Despite periods of shut downs and restrictions the program continued this year and added the Columbus Commons as a partner. The program also assisted Curbside Concerts, an initiative of Can't Stop Cbus to bring music to seniors in neighborhoods throughout Columbus.

**STREET PERFORMER PROGRAM**  
**2020 Stats**

**108 artists\***  
**218**  
 performances  
**621**  
 hours of performance  
**\$40,218**  
 paid to artists

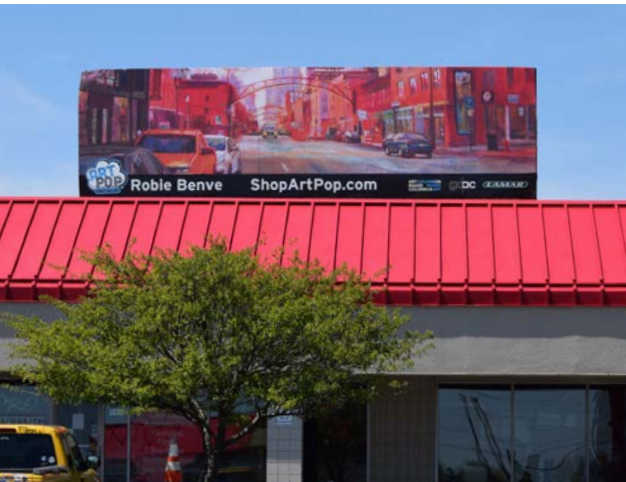
\*unique artists



**NEW ARTSWALKS PUBLIC ART APP**

In partnership with Can't Stop Cbus, the community-wide volunteer effort providing a variety of services to various sectors in Columbus throughout the pandemic, the Arts Council created a new app that turns the online public art database into a portable resource, browsable by location, neighborhood, artist name or key word. The technology was developed by Novvia with support from Can't Stop Cbus volunteers.

# ENGAGE > Partnerships & Promotion



Work by artist Robie Benve on display as part of ArtPop Street Gallery partnership with Lamar.

## ARTPOP STREET GALLERY

The Arts Council, through its Art Makes Columbus/ Columbus Makes Art campaign, partnered with ArtPop Street Gallery, Lamar Advertising, City Solutions and Clear Channel Airports to present the fourth-annual ArtPop Street Gallery. ArtPop Cbus shines the spotlight on Columbus' talented artists by placing their work on available billboards, newsstands and other outdoor media throughout Columbus and Franklin County. The six artists selected in 2020 were Robie Benve, David Denniston, John Fadley, Aenea Keren, Sarah Pfeifer and Chloe Schlorb.

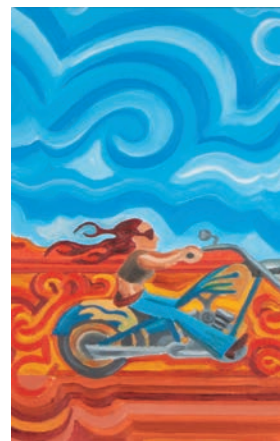
## PROMOWEST

In collaboration with PromoWest Productions, the Arts Council selected four artists to participate in the 2020 PromoWest and Columbus Makes Art exhibition. Each artist was paid a \$500 honorarium. Due to the pandemic their work has not yet been installed but will be the next work featured later in 2021.

Artists selected for the PromoWest and Columbus Makes Art exhibition in 2020 include: (clockwise from top left) Harry Acosta, Katherine Crowley, Erin Stacey and Ellen Knolls.)



Work by artist David Denniston as part of the ArtPop Street Gallery partnership with City Solutions.







Film crews work in Columbus on *They, Them, Us*, one of the first films in the country to shoot within pandemic guidelines.

A major change in 2020 brought the Greater Columbus Film Commission (Film Columbus) under the Arts Council's umbrella to secure sustainability of Film Columbus well into the future.

Film Columbus advised and provided support for one of the only feature films produced in the U.S. during COVID restrictions. The film, *They, Them, Us*, shot in and around Columbus in August/September of 2020 with strict SAG/AFTRA safety guidelines in place. Film Columbus provided support for COVID PPE equipment and supplies, office space and storage space during filming.

Film Columbus produced the first ever "Stuck at Home Film Contest" during the COVID quarantine to give local filmmakers an opportunity to create short films that were then juried. Cash prizes were awarded to the top six filmmakers and two soundtrack winners.

*See page 32 for a list of winners.*



## COLUMBUS MUSIC COMMISSION

The second annual Gift of Music drive collected more than 800 instruments for Columbus City School children, more than doubling the 2019 total instruments gathered. The instruments had a value of more than \$150,000 and an additional \$2,500 was raised for the purchase of new instruments.

The Music Business Monday forums headed into their second year. The series of discussion and teaching forums led by national music and entertainment executives was presented virtually in 2020 and has now served more than 4,000 members of the local music community.

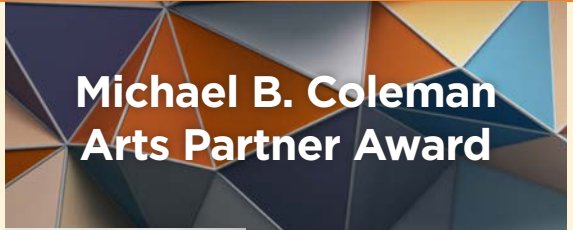
The Music Commissions' work continues to garner national attention. The commission was invited to participate in a Music Policy Intensive at Georgetown University and was a featured organization in the Music Policy Forum's national webinar series.



The Gift of Music drive broke all previous records collecting more than 800 instruments for Columbus City School kids.

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## COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP AWARDS



### Michael B. Coleman Arts Partner Award



#### Dale E. Heydlauff

Former Senior VP of Corporate Communications for American Electric Power & President of the American Electric Power Foundation

Dale E. Heydlauff received the Michael B. Coleman Arts Partner Award, presented each year to a civic, community or business leader who is a role model for long-term and exemplary support of the central Ohio arts and cultural community because of their significant contributions of time, effort and/or financial resources.

The Community Arts Partnership Awards were celebrated virtually in 2020 and introduced a new award category, the Dale E. Heydlauff Community Arts Innovation Awards honoring the creative, and innovative ways in which our community has kept people connected to the arts during a uniquely turbulent year. The five recipients of the award, which came with a \$2,500 cash prize, are shown below. To find out more about the recipients watch their videos on our [YouTube channel](#).

## Dale E. Heydlauff Community Arts Innovation Awards



**Richard Duarte Brown**  
Whitehall-Yearling High School Banners



**Michelle Brandt & Brandt-Roberts Gallery**  
Color Me Columbus



**King Arts Complex**  
HeART of Protest



**COSI**  
Learning Lunchboxes



**Can't Stop Columbus**  
Cbus Arts Hub, Curbside Concerts and Gravity Uplifts





Artist Don "DonCee" Coulter.  
Photo credit: James Cline.

## AMINAH BRENDA LYNN ROBINSON FELLOWSHIP AND RESIDENCY

In 2020, the Arts Council and the Columbus Museum of Art presented the inaugural awards for the Aminah Robinson Fellowship and Residency programs made possible through generous support from Loann Crane. Local artist Don "DonCee" Coulter was named the inaugural Fellowship participant, receiving an unrestricted \$15,000 award. The first residency participant, Johnathan Payne, will arrive in Columbus in June 2021 to live and work in Aminah Robinson's home for three months. In addition to dedicated time to make art, Payne, who describes himself as a "southern, African-American queer" artist, will participate in several community events.



*Three Forty Five Tea* by Don "DonCee" Coulter.  
Photo courtesy the artist.



Front entrance to Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson's restored home.  
Photo credit: Ira Graham



Entryway with view of front door from inside Aminah's home.  
Photo credit: Ira Graham



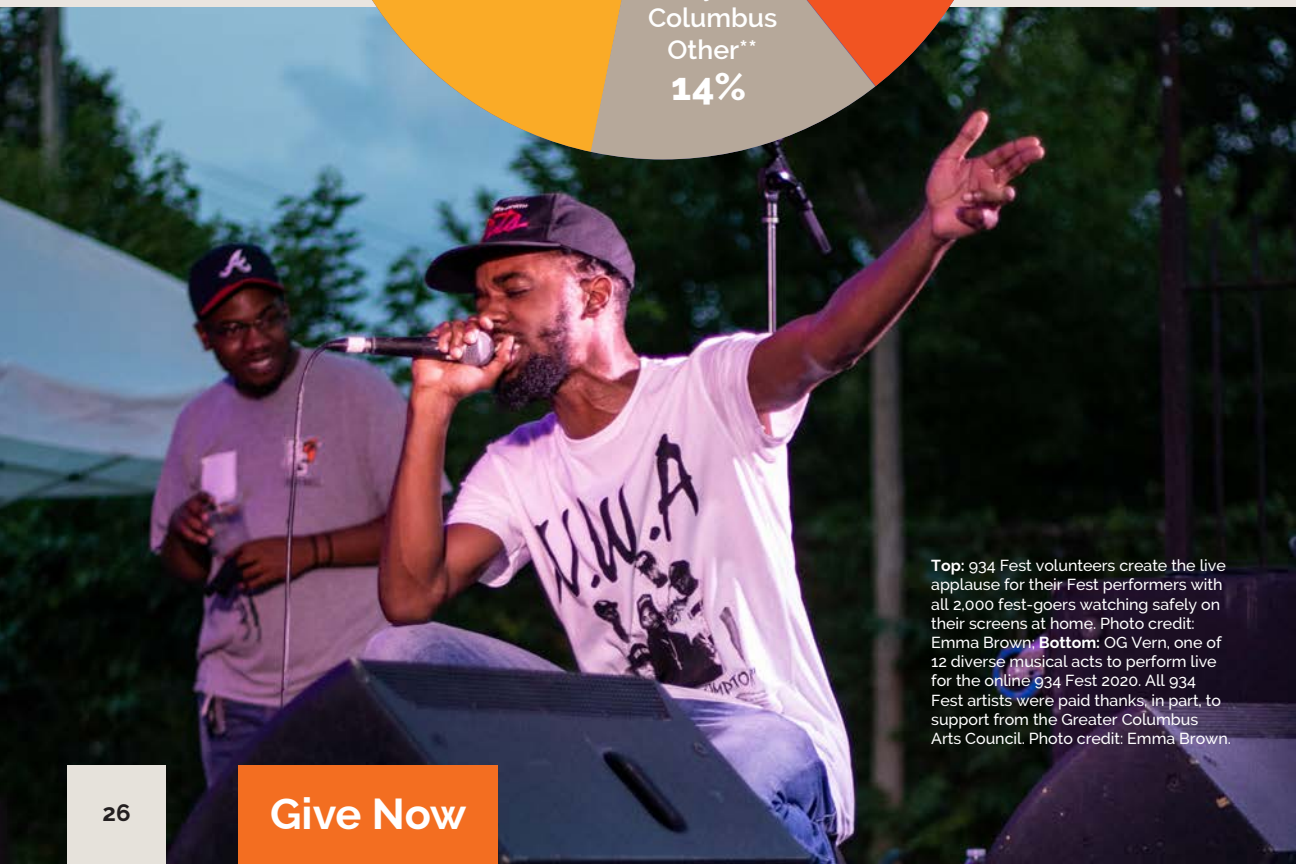
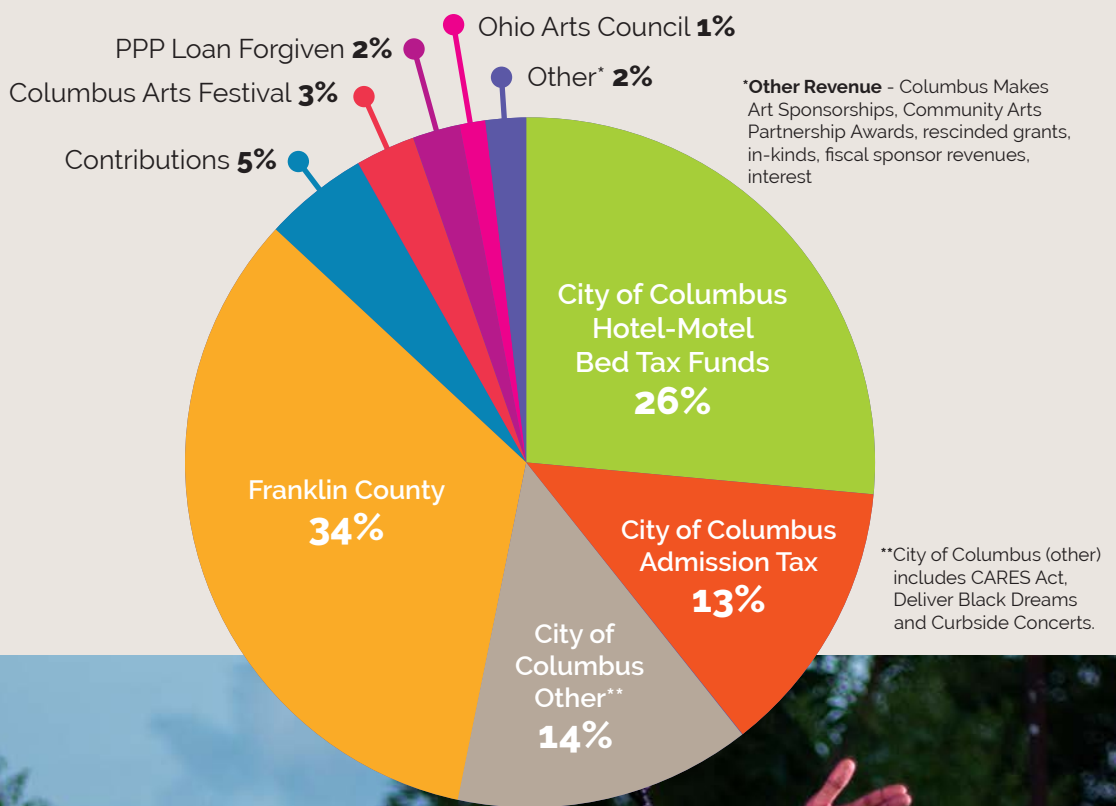
**Left:** Artist in residence studio entrance. Photo credit: Ira Graham

**Right:** Visitors to the Columbus Museum of Art enjoy *Raggin' On: The Art of Aminah Robinson's House and Journals*. The Columbus Museum of Art restored Aminah's home and cataloged her extensive collection. The Museum is a partner in the Aminah Robinson residency program managed by the Arts Council. Photos courtesy Columbus Museum of Art.





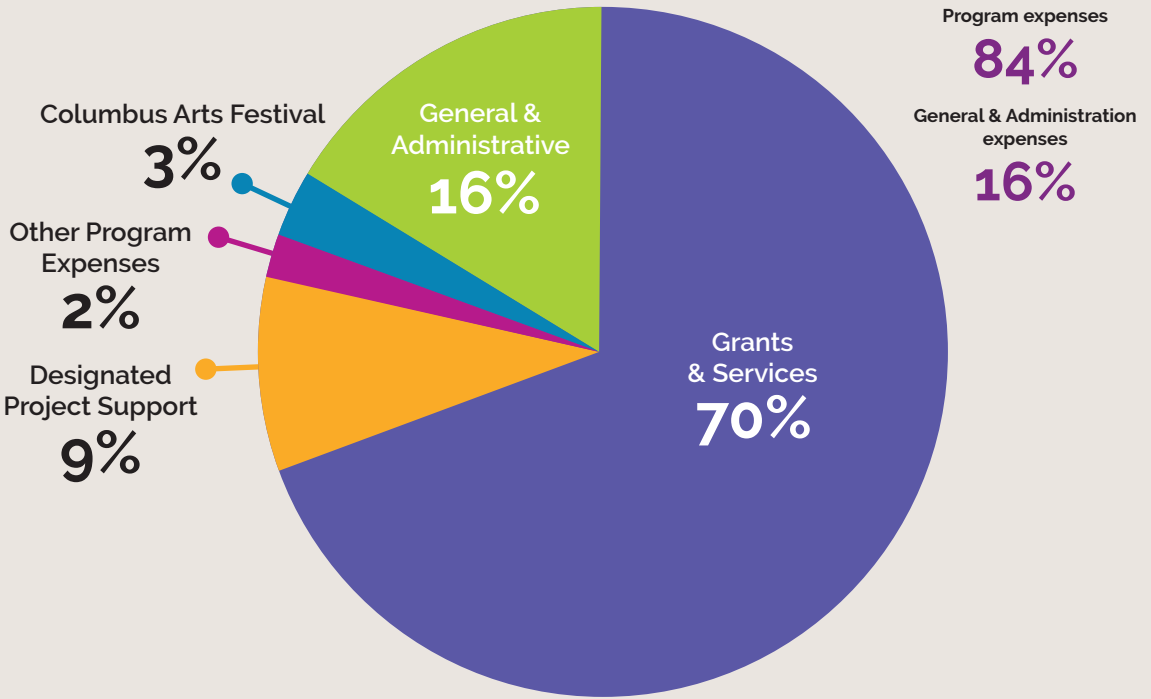
## ARTS COUNCIL 2020 REVENUE



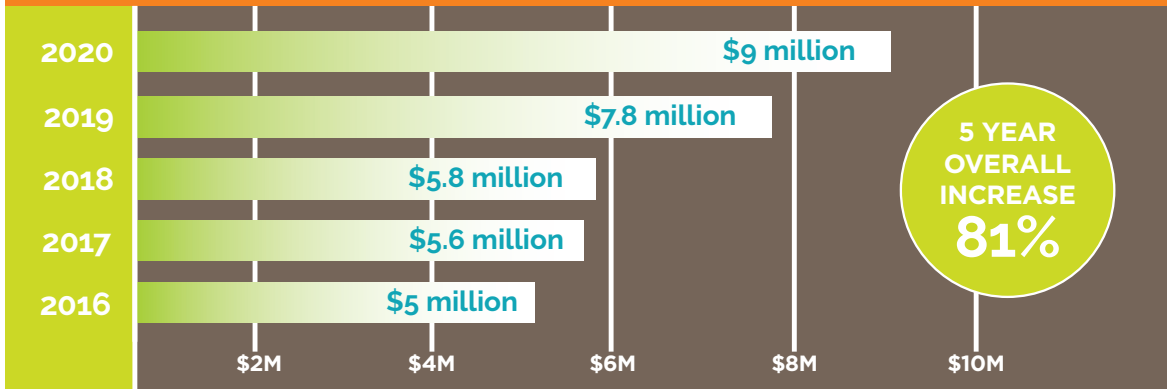
**Top:** 934 Fest volunteers create the live applause for their Fest performers with all 2,000 fest-goers watching safely on their screens at home. Photo credit: Emma Brown. **Bottom:** OG Vern, one of 12 diverse musical acts to perform live for the online 934 Fest 2020. All 934 Fest artists were paid thanks, in part, to support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Photo credit: Emma Brown.



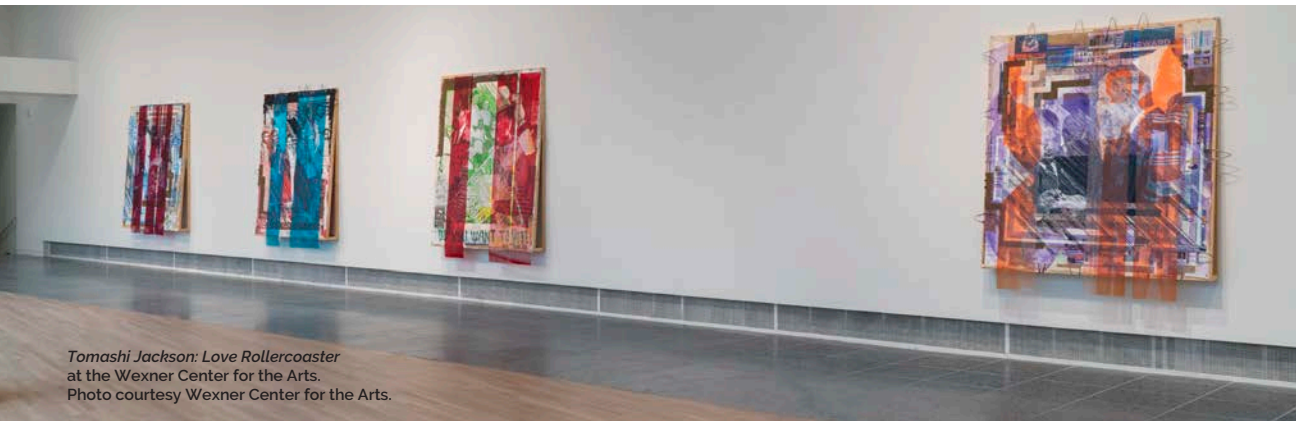
# ARTS COUNCIL 2020 EXPENSES



## 5 Year Community Funding Growth



Community funding is the amount of money the Arts Council provides to organizations and projects in the community and includes Grants & Services and Designated Project Support from the Expense pie chart above. Community funding continued to grow during the pandemic due to proceeds from the new admissions fee received in early 2020, CARES Act funds and new and increased investment from Franklin County and a board designation of unrestricted funds. The Arts Council is required to allocate 75% of City revenues to community funding, the remaining 25% is unrestricted. The Arts Council is currently spending more than the required 75% on community funding, therefore for each of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Board of Trustees approved unrestricted funds to be used for grants in the amount of \$200,000 and \$100,000, respectively.



Tomashi Jackson: Love Rollercoaster at the Wexner Center for the Arts. Photo courtesy Wexner Center for the Arts.



BalletMet artistic director Edwaard Liang leads a class within COVID guidelines. Photo courtesy OhioDance

## Operating Support

The Operating Support program provides a stable source of financial support for core arts and cultural organizations that are well-managed, firmly established, have significant impact and broad community engagement.

Organization	Grant
Actors' Theatre of Columbus	\$ 43,412
BalletMet	\$ 401,918
CAPA	\$ 407,376
CATCO	\$ 190,273
Chamber Music Columbus	\$ 31,168
Columbus Children's Choir	\$ 49,400
Columbus Children's Theatre	\$ 178,010
Columbus Gay Men's Chorus	\$ 68,279
Columbus Landmarks Foundation	\$ 57,490
Columbus Museum of Art	\$ 398,977
Columbus Symphony Orchestra	\$ 415,776
Community Arts Project	\$ 164,141
COSI	\$ 411,576
Friends of the Conservatory	\$ 390,577
Gateway Film Foundation	\$ 264,428
Glass Axis	\$ 87,116
Jazz Arts Group	\$ 252,751
Ohio Designer Craftsmen	\$ 146,924
Ohio History Connection	\$ 243,496
Opera Columbus	\$ 204,082
ProMusica Chamber Orchestra	\$ 236,721
Shadowbox Live	\$ 356,979
Short North Stage	\$ 138,307
Thurber House	\$ 96,710
Wexner Center for the Arts	\$ 353,201

**25 Grants**  
**Totaling \$5,589,088**

The grants in this report include \$4.1 million in funding from Franklin County.



CAPA's ApART Together series featured Columbus-based musician Colin Gawel – as well as Columbus Makes Art featured artist T. Wong. The free Facebook series presented by CAPA streamed 30-minute sets from a variety of Columbus-based artists, offering viewers the chance to experience performances and providing the artists an opportunity to earn an income while venues are closed. Photos courtesy CAPA.



Wild Goose Creative's Wild Art event at Gravity in Franklinton. Photo courtesy Wild Goose Creative.

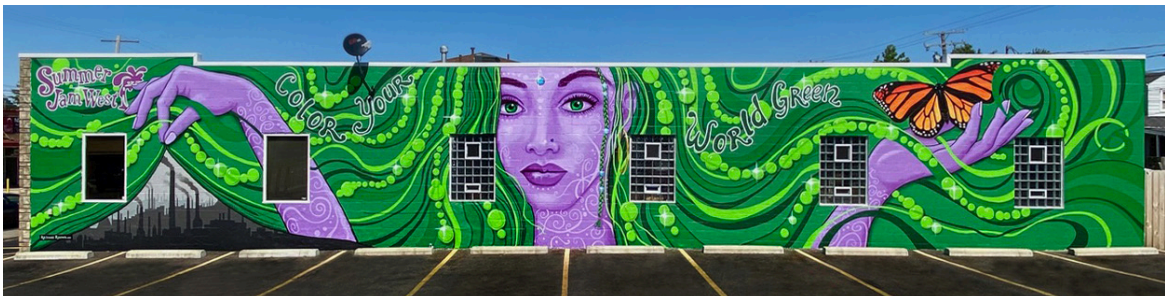


## Project Support: Tier A

Project Support grants provide support for a broad range of arts and cultural projects, events and programs.

Organization	Application/Title	Grant
All People Arts	All People Arts Community Programming	\$ 8,400
Art Possible Ohio	Digi-abilities	\$ 9,800
Asian Festival	Rising Asia	\$ 30,000
Cartoon Crossroads Columbus	Cartoon Crossroads Columbus	\$ 28,500
Columbus Civic Theater	2020-2021 Season	\$ 20,650
Columbus GospelFest - All Disabilities Fest	2020 Columbus Gospelfest-All Disabilities Fest	\$ 10,236
Columbus Songwriters Association	CSA Showcase and Live Stream	\$ 7,400
Creative Strings	18th Annual Creative Strings Workshop and Festival	\$ 5,550
Early Music in Columbus	Early Music 41st Season	\$ 18,900
Eclipse Theatre Company	Eclipse Theatre Company 2020 Season	\$ 8,000
Evolution Theatre	Evolution Theatre Company's 2020 Season	\$ 25,500
Imagine Productions of Columbus	2020 Calendar of Events	\$ 3,382
MadLab	MadLab 2020-2021 Season	\$ 27,000
Maroon Arts Group	MPACC Suite 2020-2021	\$ 24,948
National Veterans Memorial and Museum	Exploring Veteran Experiences through Limited Engagement Arts Exhibits	\$ 25,500
Ohioana Library Association	2020 Ohioana Book Festival	\$ 25,500
OhioDance	2021 OhioDance Festival	\$ 17,900
Opera Project Columbus	Festival of Puccini	\$ 21,000
Red Herring Productions	RHP 2020 Season	\$ 21,000
ROY G BIV Gallery for Emerging Artists	2021 ROY G BIV Gallery Exhibitions	\$ 17,500
Six String Concert	2020-2021 Season	\$ 5,600
Southeast Healthcare	Fresh A.I.R. Gallery Exhibition Season	\$ 3,973
Summer Jam West	Summer Jam West - Color Your World Green	\$ 13,900
Vaud-Villities Productions	2020 Season Series	\$ 19,950
VIVO Music Festival	VIVO Music Festival	\$ 21,000
We Amplify Voices	Bridges of Love: WAV + ORW Album Release Event + Panel	\$ 6,150
Wild Goose Creative	Annual Programming	\$ 25,500

**27 Grants / Totaling \$452,739**



**Above:** Summer Jam West mural *Color Your World Green* by Michael Boudreault and Chris McDaniels of Artisan Rooms. Photo credit: Alan Jazak.

**Left:** Performer Amber Knicole recording vocals for her song "Love Calls" that was part of 'We Amplify Voices' (WAV) Bridges Of Love project with the women from the Ohio Reformatory for Women and their families. Photo courtesy WAV.



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## Project Support: Tier B

Project Support grants provide support for a broad range of arts and cultural projects, events and programs.

Organization/Project	Application/Title	Grant
934 Gallery*	934 Gallery Monthly Programming and Festival	\$ 7,125
Columbus Black International Film Festival	Columbus Black International Film Festival	\$ 4,500
Education Foundation for Freedom	2020 Columbus Women & Girls Fest	\$ 6,375
Gabrielle Burton*	"Not OK Boomer: An Arts Event to Combat Ageism and Stereotyped Depictions"	\$ 5,250
Hixon Dance	Hixon Dance 13th Season	\$ 6,750
i71 Movies*	St. Gabriel Pilot Premiere	\$ 6,000
Kingdom Image Arts	KIA Supports Virtual Programming	\$ 4,200
Ohio Prison Arts Connection*	Ohio Prison Arts Connection Exhibition Season	\$ 5,093
Short North Foundation	Goodale Park Music Series	\$ 2,736
Spotlight Columbus	South Asian Theatre Festival 2020	\$ 6,375
Stage Right Theatrics	Stage Right Theatrics 2020-2021 Season	\$ 6,000
Story Foundation	Story Magazine Presents: The Back Third Reading Series	\$ 4,000
Sunday at Central	Sunday @ Central Season Support	\$ 4,500
The Fuse Factory Electronic and Digital Arts Lab	Frequency Fridays 2020-2021 Season	\$ 6,000
Urban Cultural Arts Foundation	Art in the Hood - 2021 Exhibition Season	\$ 6,000
Urban Strings Columbus	Raggin' On - Honoring Aminah Robinson	\$ 6,000
Voices in the Sky Theatre*	Voices In The Sky Theatre Project Presents An Inaugural Season	\$ 3,750

**17 Grants  
Totaling \$90,654**

\*Fiscally-sponsored projects



Visitors enjoy a safe experience at the June 2020 ROY G BIV Gallery exhibition presenting work by three artists: *Other Self* by Amery Kessler, *This Must Be the Place* by Lorena Molina and *When Black Panthers and The Nation Speaks* by Cristyn Steward. Photo courtesy ROY G BIV.



Artist Kali Zermeno working on a piece. Photo courtesy the artist.

“The staff at the Greater Columbus Arts Council are very helpful and help central Ohio artists through the grant process. I've dealt with many grant agencies and they are simply the best. They make Columbus a better city.”

**SCOTT SPEARS**



## Thrive

Thrive supports organizations led by and serving people of color through unrestricted funding and resources.

Recipient	Grant
All People Arts	\$10,000
Maroon Arts Group	\$10,000
State of the Arts Productions	\$10,000

**3 Grants  
Totaling \$30,000**

## Support for Constituent Events

Designated funds to support arts and social events and projects throughout the city of Columbus.

Organization/Project	Award
The ArtMobile	\$ 2,500
CAPA	\$ 6,000
Cultural Arts Center	\$ 1,000
Film Council of Greater Columbus	\$ 1,500
Gateway Film Center	\$ 300
Short North Alliance—HighBall	\$ 5,000
Short North Alliance—Summer Spray	\$ 10,000

**7 Awards  
Totaling \$26,300**



**Above:** New BalletMet 2 dancers Rhys Hudson (left) and Natasha Carey take a moment to explore the city.

**Right:** Artist Antonio González García in his studio. Photo courtesy the artist.



## Big Ideas

Big Ideas grants uplift artist ideas and projects that bring all art forms out into the community.

Organization/Project	Application/Title	Grant
Utpola Borah	<i>South Asian Performing Arts Traditions in Ohio</i>	\$ 3,000
James Brittan	<i>Pop Up Concert Series</i>	\$ 3,000
Micaela Gonzalez-Gammon	<i>Moving Into Our Future</i>	\$ 3,500
David Harewood	<i>Readings In The Dark</i>	\$ 2,500
Katie Hofacker	<i>Senior Art Boxes</i>	\$ 3,500
Nicole Horston	<i>Midwest Author's Fest</i>	\$ 3,500
Scot Kaplan	<i>Tempting Fete</i>	\$ 3,500
Beryl Miller	<i>Solo/Duo Dancing Project</i>	\$ 3,500
Jameel Paulin	<i>Congo Square: Afrofuturism as a Space of Confrontation</i>	\$ 3,500
Heather Reese	<i>The Great Pause</i>	\$ 2,500
Jordanne Renner	<i>WE, the Women's Caucus</i>	\$ 3,500
Aaron Sheldon	<i>Pop-Up Photo Project: Every Picture Tells a Story</i>	\$ 3,000
Julie Whitney-Scott	<i>Columbus Black Theatre Festival</i>	\$ 3,500
Regina Zehner	<i>Verge.fm</i>	\$ 3,500

**14 Grants  
Totaling \$45,500**

## 2020 Fellowships and Artist Awards

Since the Arts Council's Individual Artist Fellowship program was established in 1986 to recognize outstanding local artists, hundreds of awards in a variety of disciplines. Programs have included visual arts, crafts, film and video, creative writing, music composition and choreography/movement arts.

Recipient	Application Title	Award
Don Coulter	<i>Aminah Robinson Fellowship (local)</i>	\$ 15,000
Johnathan Payne	<i>Aminah Robinson Residency (national, partial payment)</i>	\$ 2,500
Felicia Bond	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Tiandra Finch	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Marcus Fitzgerald	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Myko Glaze	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Batista Jones	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Latoya Jones	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Shad Jones	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Tifani Kendrick	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Tasha Lomo	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Cassandra McIntosh	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Francescia Miller	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Jason Moncrief	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Delrita Parks	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Tyrell Reggins	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Stephen Spottswood	<i>2020 Fellowship Expand your Horizon Incubation Program</i>	\$ 1,000
Sterling Carter	<i>Art Unites Cbus Film</i>	\$ 5,000
Cristyn Steward	<i>Art Unites Cbus Film</i>	\$ 5,000
Donte Woods-Spikes	<i>Art Unites Cbus Film</i>	\$ 5,000
Kendel Boone	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
Jamie Ceasar	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
Teri Dashfield	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
Asia Glenn	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
Rashunda Holloway	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
John Landry	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
Ngabo Mutenda	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
Brittoney Roane	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000
Benjamin Willis	<i>Art Unites Cbus Photography</i>	\$ 1,000

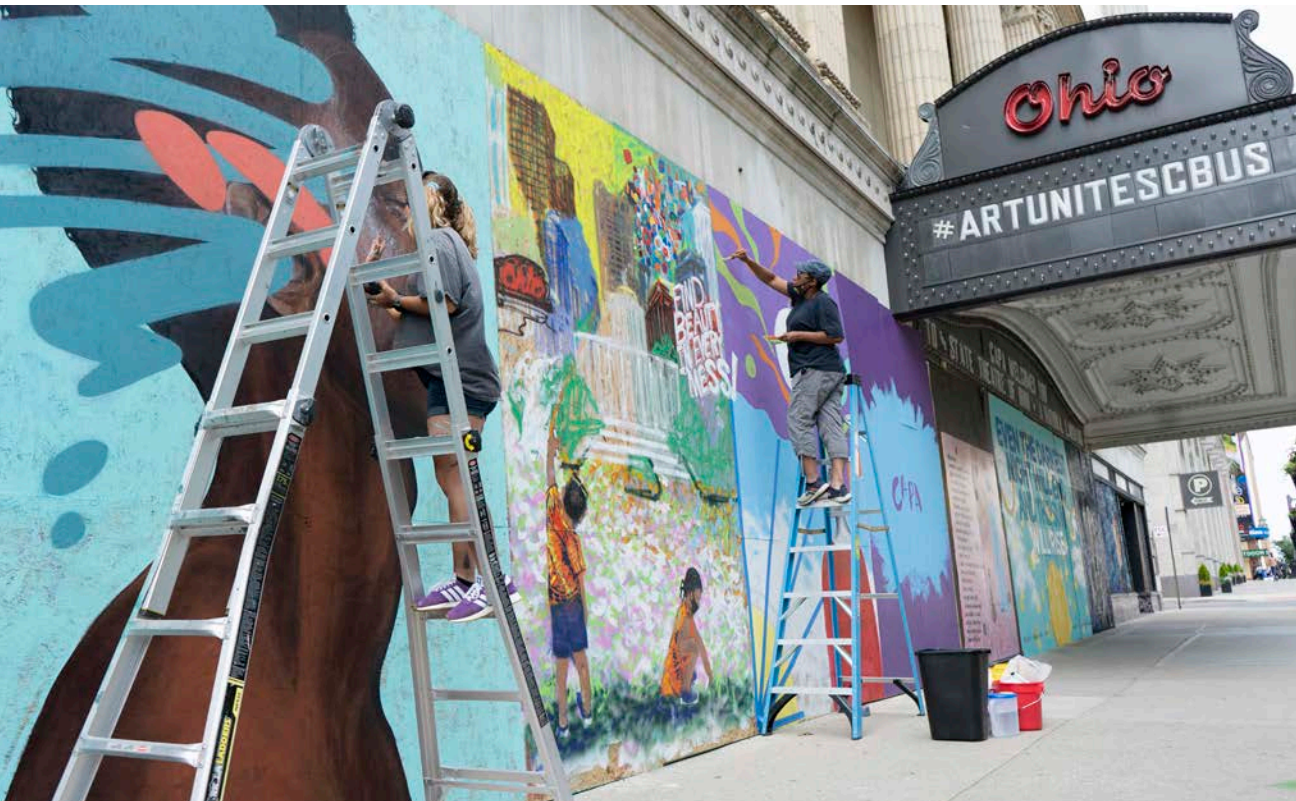


Artists work on the mural boards outside the Arts Council offices in June 2020, after demonstrations began in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Photo credit: Lacey Luce.



Recipient	Application Title	Award
Robie Benve	<i>ArtPop</i>	\$ 500
David Denniston	<i>ArtPop</i>	\$ 500
John Fadley	<i>ArtPop</i>	\$ 500
Aenea Keren	<i>ArtPop</i>	\$ 500
Sarah Pfeifer	<i>ArtPop</i>	\$ 500
Chloe Schlorb	<i>ArtPop</i>	\$ 500
Harry Acosta	<i>PromoWest</i>	\$ 500
Katherine Crowley	<i>PromoWest</i>	\$ 500
Ellen Knolls	<i>PromoWest</i>	\$ 500
Erin Stacey	<i>PromoWest</i>	\$ 500
Queen Brooks	<i>Ray Hanley Award</i>	\$ 15,000
Shaun Brown	<i>Short Film Contest Award</i>	\$ 250
Zuri Clarno	<i>Short Film Contest Award</i>	\$ 500
Michelle David	<i>Short Film Contest Award</i>	\$ 300
Andrew Haraburda	<i>Short Film Contest Award</i>	\$ 100
Andrew Lawson	<i>Short Film Contest Award</i>	\$ 150
Donte Woods-Spikes	<i>Short Film Contest Award</i>	\$ 150
Zuri Clarno	<i>Short Film Soundtrack Award</i>	\$ 250
Nathan Photos	<i>Short Film Soundtrack Award</i>	\$ 250

**48 Awards  
Totaling \$67,050**



Artists Mandi Caskey (foreground) and April Sunami work on the #ArtUnitesCbus murals at the Ohio Theatre. Artists who painted at the theater and the Arts Council offices were paid through the #ArtUnitesCbus partnership between CAPA and the Arts Council. Photo credit: Lydia Miller.

# Support for Professional Artists: Individuals

Support for Professional Artists—Individuals assists artists in making new art and marketing to a broader audience.

Recipient	Grant	Recipient	Grant	Recipient	Grant
Joey Aich	\$ 900	Tripp Fontane	\$ 1,750	Cora Mandragora	\$ 742
Brooke Albrecht	\$ 1,003	Danielle Ford	\$ 1,082	Philip Maneri	\$ 1,750
Yajim Amadu	\$ 1,276	Jamie Friedlander	\$ 1,510	Dieter Manke	\$ 1,440
Ronald Anderson	\$ 1,013	Suzanne Gallagher	\$ 1,590	Kristen Marra Marek	\$ 1,225
Alysha Auerbach	\$ 1,750	Daric Gill	\$ 1,750	Benjamin Marshall Music	\$ 782
Dylan Auerbach	\$ 1,750	Brianna Gluszak	\$ 1,747	Rebecca Mathews	\$ 1,174
Kimberly "Kim B." Baker	\$ 1,750	Antonio Gonzalez	\$ 1,000	Marcus McCain	\$ 1,425
Genelle Baltutis-Denzin	\$ 1,750	Scott Gordon	\$ 1,750	Austin McClellan	\$ 1,747
Talle Bamazi	\$ 1,750	Kristin Gramza	\$ 1,715	John McCollum	\$ 1,436
Raygan Barrett	\$ 1,539	Steph Greegor	\$ 1,679	Alexis McCrimmon	\$ 1,119
Zachary Beery	\$ 1,080	Karl Gruber	\$ 1,750	Raymond McKenzie	\$ 1,750
Jaime Bennati	\$ 1,558	Ashlynn Guss	\$ 1,750	Lisa McLymont	\$ 1,627
Caroline "Inspires" Bennett	\$ 1,750	Jesus Hampton	\$ 1,750	Tatiana Melnikova	\$ 1,676
Lauren Best	\$ 1,399	David Harewood	\$ 1,750	Gabrielle Metzler	\$ 1,500
Genevieve Blackwell	\$ 1,750	Malcolm Harrell	\$ 1,750	Wesley "Wes" Mills	\$ 1,624
Edmund Boateng	\$ 1,718	C.A. Hartway	\$ 853	Minetta Minnick	\$ 1,750
Michelle Boerio	\$ 1,251	Michelle Hartway	\$ 561	Matthew Morgan Music	\$ 1,750
Chris Bournea	\$ 859	Tom Hayes	\$ 1,345	Anthony Mossburg	\$ 1,250
LaShae Boyd	\$ 1,750	Kevin Hendricks	\$ 1,434	Kasandra Murray	\$ 1,002
Walter "Wallabe" Brewer	\$ 1,750	Josh Hindmarsh	\$ 1,750	Charlotte Norman	\$ 1,750
Jacklyn Brickman	\$ 1,700	Laura Hiner	\$ 662	Alissa Ohashi	\$ 1,745
James Brittan	\$ 1,700	Shiree Houf	\$ 1,736	Derrick Pannell	\$ 1,724
Gabrielle Burton	\$ 1,750	Olivia K. James	\$ 1,750	Christina Paolucci	\$ 1,744
Bertrand Caso	\$ 865	Joseph Jamison Jr.	\$ 1,382	Stephen Patchan	\$ 1,080
Randi Channel	\$ 1,750	Ricardo Jimenez	\$ 1,750	Kelleyanne Pearman	\$ 1,645
Jeffrey Collins	\$ 1,693	Tia Johnson	\$ 1,750	Chris Pemberton	\$ 931
Denzill Cooper	\$ 1,683	Tommie Johnson	\$ 1,750	Tracey Pennell	\$ 1,749
Devin Copfer	\$ 1,678	Bardo Jones	\$ 1,750	Aaron Peters	\$ 1,678
Stephanie Cousino	\$ 600	Abby Kamagate	\$ 1,750	Tracy Powell	\$ 1,750
Nick D'Andrea	\$ 1,750	Roberta Kayne	\$ 1,584	Prince Shakur	\$ 1,418
Louise Dees	\$ 1,750	Charles C.M. Kellom	\$ 1,700	Kyla Rafert	\$ 1,697
David "E-Flat" Dennis	\$ 1,750	Rachael Keplin	\$ 1,750	Jordanne Renner	\$ 1,750
Jennifer Dunlap	\$ 1,750	Rose Klockner	\$ 1,750	Elaine "Dr. E" Richardson	\$ 1,750
Ian Dyer	\$ 1,561	Jessica Knapp	\$ 821	Brittoney Roane	\$ 1,660
Rubble "Rizu" Ejigu	\$ 450	Josh Krajcik	\$ 1,730	Liz Roberts	\$ 1,750
Amanda Erin	\$ 1,746	Linda Langhorst	\$ 1,750	Erica Rodney	\$ 1,366
Charles Ewing	\$ 1,080	Bryce Laughlin	\$ 1,750	Marc Ross	\$ 1,584
Antoine Fatout	\$ 1,750	Ella Liggins	\$ 1,750	Peter John Ross	\$ 1,750
Tiandra Finch	\$ 1,750	Ebony "Paige" Little	\$ 1,750	Anne Russell	\$ 1,252
Thomas Fisher	\$ 1,567	Todd Loe	\$ 1,749	James "JR Junior" Sanders	\$ 1,750
Mark Fohl	\$ 446	Spencer Lookabaugh	\$ 1,750	Laura Sanders	\$ 1,750
		Rob Maccabee	\$ 1,495	Rikki Santer	\$ 1,085



## Support for Professional Artists: Groups

Support for Professional Artists—Groups assists groups of artists who create together on a permanent basis in making new art and marketing to a broader audience.

Recipient	Grant
Alexis Schoessow	\$ 1,750
Briden Schueren	\$ 1,466
Summer Schultz	\$ 1,750
Aaron Sheldon	\$ 1,750
Genesis Shine	\$ 1,420
Bonny Shippet	\$ 386
Jennifer Sieck	\$ 1,750
Ann Silverman	\$ 1,029
Kyle Smith	\$ 1,522
Scott Spears	\$ 1,747
Jordan Spencer	\$ 1,750
Brenden Spivey	\$ 906
Erik Sternberger	\$ 1,750
Michelle Stitzlein	\$ 1,492
Betsy Sturdevant	\$ 1,750
Robert Tate III	\$ 1,500
Sheila Terry	\$ 1,750
Kamisha Thomas	\$ 1,669
Lauren Todd	\$ 1,750
Sarah Todd	\$ 1,688
Kendric Tonn	\$ 1,750
Martin Vangogh	\$ 1,747
Israel Vento	\$ 1,665
Agostina Vidable	\$ 1,745
Melissa Vogley Woods	\$ 1,750
Christabel Wagner	\$ 550
Rachel Wagner	\$ 619
Nicholas Warndorf	\$ 1,583
Mariana Weflen	\$ 1,750
Jerome Wetzell	\$ 1,500
Paul Wilbur	\$ 1,750
Tyrone Williams	\$ 284
Donna Winters	\$ 817
Aimee Wissman	\$ 1,750
Victoria Woods	\$ 1,750
Zachary Yocum	\$ 1,750
Kristen Zermeno	\$ 1,749

**163 Grants  
Totaling  
\$244,201**

Recipient	Grant
The Columbus Koto Ensemble	\$ 2,750
Closet Mix musical group	\$ 2,500
Ruvane	\$ 2,750
Easy Tiger	\$ 1,875
Unchipped	\$ 2,714
The Cordial Sins	\$ 2,729
fo/mo/deep	\$ 2,700
Pink Reason	\$ 2,744
The Soulutions Band	\$ 2,750

**9 Grants  
Totaling \$23,512**



We Amplify Voices (WAV) hosted a workshop in December 2020 with young people at the Douglas Rec Center and music producers Eric Rollin and Yogi Split. Photo courtesy WAV.



In the fall of 2020 ProMusica presented a safe and socially distanced concert series at The Five, a new event space at the recently opened White Castle headquarters.

# COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists

The COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists provided cash awards to artists to address the needs and financial impacts of COVID-19.

Recipient	Grant
Jennifer Adams	\$ 850
George Ahlteen	\$ 820
Ifrac Aliawl	\$ 500
William Allan	\$ 850
James Allison	\$ 850
Jason Allwood	\$ 850
Daniel Alves Costa Da Silva	\$ 850
Yajim Amadu	\$ 850
Robert Anagnostis	\$ 850
Albert Angelo	\$ 850
William Arnold	\$ 850
Naomi Asch	\$ 650
Erik Augis	\$ 850
Brandon Ault	\$ 850
Kathryn Aumuller	\$ 800
Edward Avery	\$ 850
Brian Baker	\$ 850
Fawn Baker	\$ 850
Jeffery Baker	\$ 850
Jonathan Baker	\$ 400
Paul Baker	\$ 360
Karrio Ballard	\$ 850
Jason Banks	\$ 850
Megan Barnard	\$ 725
Rick Barr	\$ 850
Andre Barrett	\$ 850
George Barrie	\$ 850
Willie Barthel III	\$ 850
Zachary Beery	\$ 500
Harrison Belew	\$ 850
David Bell	\$ 850
Lauren Benjamin	\$ 500
Caroline "Inspires" Bennett	\$ 850
Nolita Berger	\$ 700
Angelique Berry	\$ 850
Katherine Blankenship	\$ 850
Edmund Boateng	\$ 850
Larissa Boiwka	\$ 850
Matthew Bores	\$ 800
Terri Boselli-Wyman	\$ 850
Victoria Bowman	\$ 500
Elizabeth Bramwell	\$ 850

Recipient	Grant
Stephanie R. Bridges	\$ 850
Dustin Brinkman	\$ 550
Kelsey Broker	\$ 750
Nandi Brown	\$ 500
Peter Brown	\$ 850
Brian Burgess	\$ 850
Alex Burgoyne	\$ 850
Christopher Burk	\$ 850
Anthony Burlingame	\$ 850
Nichole Burton	\$ 715
Keith Button	\$ 800
Hakim Callwood	\$ 500
Charles Campanella	\$ 500
Sean Carney	\$ 850
Christopher Carpenter	\$ 800
Khaila Carr	\$ 700
Ashley Carroll	\$ 850
Nicole Carter	\$ 850
Walthino Casanova	\$ 850
Mandi Caskey	\$ 850
Marco Castro	\$ 850
Sara Castro	\$ 850
Robert Chafe	\$ 850
Asher Chalkley	\$ 850
Barry Chern	\$ 850
Harold Chichester	\$ 850
Jeffrey Ciampa	\$ 850
Madeline Ciampa	\$ 500
Maureen Clark	\$ 850
Samuel Clein	\$ 850
Eric Clemens	\$ 500
Lisa Cliff	\$ 700
Thomas Cline	\$ 850
Mah Leah Cochran	\$ 710
Anthony Codispoti	\$ 850
Sabrina Colon	\$ 850
Amanda Cook	\$ 850
Casey Cook	\$ 850
Christopher Cope	\$ 850
Devin Copfer	\$ 850
Sam Corlett	\$ 450
Meaghan Crisman	\$ 850

Recipient	Grant
Jill Crist	\$ 585
Joseph Cross	\$ 850
Nick D'Andrea	\$ 850
Seth Daily	\$ 750
Griset Damas Roche	\$ 850
Jeran Darden	\$ 600
Adam Darling	\$ 850
Jehan Dauherty	\$ 850
Khali Davis	\$ 850
Shauna Davis	\$ 850
Tyler Davis	\$ 800
Bob Dawson	\$ 850
Zachary Delmonte	\$ 800
Kito Denham	\$ 850
Mark Derenberger	\$ 850
Kaitlin Descutner	\$ 850
Courtney Deyoung	\$ 850
Rocco Di Pietro	\$ 500
Carter Diamond	\$ 500
Derek Dicenzo	\$ 850
Corey Dickerson	\$ 500
Joseph Dixon	\$ 850
Matthew Dixon	\$ 850
Jessica Driscoll	\$ 550
Felicia Dunson	\$ 800
Patrick Durkin	\$ 400
Jennifer Dutiel	\$ 508
Ashley Dyer	\$ 850
Kenneth Eaddy	\$ 850
Jason Eckley	\$ 240
William Ellis	\$ 850
Charles Erickson	\$ 500
Curt Everitt	\$ 850
Kayla Eversole	\$ 850
Terrance Farmer	\$ 850
Antoine Fatout	\$ 850
Caeleigh Featherstone	\$ 850
Kaitlin Ferensen	\$ 850
Jairo Fernandez	\$ 350
Katharine Fewlass Helmer	\$ 850
Adam Fischer	\$ 850
Amber Fisher	\$ 850



Recipient	Grant
Elizabeth Fisher	\$ 850
Katheryn Fisher	\$ 500
Kevin Fleming	\$ 850
Steven Fox	\$ 825
Carly Fratianne	\$ 500
Alexandra Fresch	\$ 850
Trevor Fruchey	\$ 850
Kyle Gale	\$ 850
Donald Gantt	\$ 800
Sean Gardner	\$ 850
Mona Gazala	\$ 350
Nate Gelfand	\$ 850
Alanna Gibson	\$ 295
Paul Giovis	\$ 850
Arkadiy Gips	\$ 600
Quintin Gleim	\$ 850
Thomas Glick	\$ 850
Norman Goecke	\$ 850
Stephanie Gonzalez	\$ 850
Micaela Gonzalez-Gammon	\$ 850
Connor Graham	\$ 850
Ian Graham	\$ 500
Lea Gray	\$ 500
Erika Green	\$ 550
Colin Greenan	\$ 850
Scott Greene	\$ 850
Chad Greenwald	\$ 850
Mark Grevious	\$ 850
Adena Griffith	\$ 850
Matthew Griggs	\$ 700
Sarah Grosse	\$ 850
Roger Grosswiler	\$ 850
Katie Guagenti	\$ 850
Michael Guinane	\$ 850
Sam Gwin	\$ 850
Anthony Hagood	\$ 850
Nicholas Hahn	\$ 600
Ashley Hall	\$ 850
Brittany Hall	\$ 850
Patricia Hamilton	\$ 500
Deonte' Hansel	\$ 850
Douglas Hare	\$ 850

Recipient	Grant
David Harewood	\$ 850
Ashley Harrington	\$ 500
Eric Harris	\$ 850
Katerina Harris	\$ 850
Tyler Harris	\$ 700
Frank Harrison	\$ 850
Christopher Hartway Jr.	\$ 850
Bryant Harvey	\$ 850
Kavan Hashemian	\$ 850
Aaron Hay	\$ 850
Ian Hayes	\$ 800
Joseph Hebdo	\$ 850
Dustin Heminger	\$ 850
Casey Henderson	\$ 300
Nicholas Herdmann	\$ 850
Adam Hernandez	\$ 850
Derrick Hill	\$ 800
Josh Hindmarsh	\$ 850
Katie Hofacker	\$ 500
Hannah Hoffman	\$ 850
Kevin Holland	\$ 600
Anne Holman	\$ 850
Dylan Holmes	\$ 850
Brittany Renee Holzmeier	\$ 500
Kelsey Hopkins	\$ 720
Jessie Horning	\$ 850
Nicole Horston	\$ 850
Jena Huebner	\$ 850
Kelly Hurlburt	\$ 850
Dustin Hysell	\$ 850
Katanya Ingram	\$ 600
Travis Irvine	\$ 850
Donald Isom	\$ 850
Madeline Jackson	\$ 850
Jesse Jackson III	\$ 850
Rebecca Jadway	\$ 850
Adria Jerman	\$ 850
Andrew Johnson	\$ 850
Austin Johnson	\$ 850
James Johnson	\$ 850
Nicole Johnson	\$ 850
Addison Jones	\$ 550

Recipient	Grant
Desmond Jones	\$ 850
Ben Joy	\$ 850
Andrea Kaiser	\$ 850
Brian Kaiser	\$ 850
Michael Kaiser	\$ 850
Kamar Kent	\$ 400
Rachael Keplin	\$ 425
Brian Kerr	\$ 850
Micah Kesselring	\$ 850
Shahid Khan	\$ 850
Bokyung Kim	\$ 735
Emma Kindall	\$ 600
Steven King	\$ 500
Kendall Kirchner	\$ 850
Roxanne Knepp	\$ 245
Walter Kolhoff	\$ 850
Bonni Korcok	\$ 850
Patricia Kronk	\$ 400
Heather Kufchak	\$ 850
Cora Kuyvenhoven	\$ 850
Nathan Laney	\$ 850
Brooke Lavalley	\$ 850
Jessica Lawing	\$ 450
Myles Lawson	\$ 650
Rachelle Lawson	\$ 850
Anthony Leach	\$ 850
Emma Levesque-Schaefer	\$ 850
Megs Levesseur	\$ 850
Jingwen Li	\$ 850
Ebony Little	\$ 850
Samantha Little	\$ 850
Zachary Little	\$ 850
Brenda Lloyd	\$ 550
Gregory Long	\$ 850
Adam Lowe	\$ 850
Claire Lowe	\$ 850
Jesse Luketic	\$ 850
Christopher Lute	\$ 850
Evan Lynch	\$ 850
Calista Lyon	\$ 850
Julie Macala	\$ 850
Louise Mackey	\$ 850

## COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists (Cont'd)

The COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists provided cash awards to artists to address the needs and financial impacts of COVID-19.

Recipient	Grant	Recipient	Grant	Recipient	Grant
Jared Mahone	\$ 850	Bonnie Moseley	\$ 400	Alex Powell	\$ 850
Catelyn Mailloux	\$ 850	Bryan Moss	\$ 850	Christopher Powell	\$ 850
Tonya Marie	\$ 850	Anthony Mossburg	\$ 500	Tracy Powell	\$ 850
Mario Marini	\$ 725	Kurt Mueller	\$ 300	Tammi Rager	\$ 400
Max Marsillo	\$ 850	Parker Muntz	\$ 850	Gregory Rahm	\$ 850
Sarah Marsom	\$ 850	Hannah Musser	\$ 850	Olivia Rayner	\$ 850
Nathan Marti	\$ 850	David Myers	\$ 850	Rebecca Rea	\$ 850
Andrew Martin	\$ 750	Gretchen Myers	\$ 850	Keith Reed	\$ 750
Mikaela Martinez	\$ 850	Elaine Mylius	\$ 850	Heather Reese	\$ 850
Robert Mason	\$ 850	Jessica Napoletan	\$ 850	Jordanne Renner	\$ 850
Aaron Massey	\$ 850	Chloe Napoletano	\$ 850	Mark Rhodes	\$ 850
Daniel Matos	\$ 500	Alexandra Napoli	\$ 800	Nate Ricciuto	\$ 850
Adam Maynard	\$ 850	Vasiliev Nini	\$ 850	David Rice	\$ 850
Rachel Maynard	\$ 850	Orishaebuka Nnani	\$ 850	Robert Riley	\$ 370
Myles McCain	\$ 850	Kingsley Nyarko	\$ 850	Frederick Ripley	\$ 850
Tony McClung	\$ 850	Alissa Ohashi	\$ 850	Brittoney Roane	\$ 850
James McDevitt-Stredney	\$ 850	William Ortman	\$ 850	Liz Roberts	\$ 850
Zachary McKinney	\$ 850	Megan Owdom-Weitz	\$ 850	Larry Robertson	\$ 850
Timothy McKnight	\$ 300	Christina Paolucci	\$ 600	Jovanna Robinson	\$ 850
Jamie McMahan	\$ 850	Deaun Parker	\$ 150	Matthew J. Rolin	\$ 850
Dustin Meadows	\$ 600	John Pellegrino	\$ 832	Stephanie Rond	\$ 850
Charles Mechenbier	\$ 850	Jasimine Pennywell	\$ 850	Jordan Rookus	\$ 850
Benjamin Meinhold	\$ 500	Nicole Perez	\$ 850	Emory Rosenow	\$ 850
Christopher Mengerink	\$ 850	Angela Perley	\$ 850	Peter John Ross	\$ 850
Emily Mertens	\$ 850	Theo Perry	\$ 850	James Sanders	\$ 850
Joe Mertz	\$ 850	Zachary Persico-Jones	\$ 300	Jordan Sandidge	\$ 800
Hannah Minner	\$ 850	Andre Peterson	\$ 575	Eugene Sanford	\$ 850
Jessica Minshall	\$ 850	Marianne Philip	\$ 850	Kieron Sargeant	\$ 650
Donna Mogavero	\$ 850	Jurate Phillips	\$ 850	Miroslav Savic	\$ 850
Sierra Mollenkopf	\$ 500	Katya Philmore	\$ 850	David Schmoll	\$ 850
Matthew Monk	\$ 850	Alberto Pineiro	\$ 500	Mireya Schoo	\$ 850
Lee Mora	\$ 850	Tianna Pinero	\$ 850	Alex Schrock	\$ 400
Joseph Morgan	\$ 850	Dedrick Pitter	\$ 750	Briden Schueren	\$ 850
Kate Morgan	\$ 850	Nicole Piuanno	\$ 850	Brandon Scott	\$ 850
Terrance Morrison	\$ 850	Hannah Pohlman	\$ 850	Gene A Scott, Jr.	\$ 850

*“As a musician with a love of street performing I've felt free to share my art on the streets of CBus since I arrived in 2008. When other large cities are hindering street performance, or banning it altogether, Columbus provides much needed leadership by supporting street arts.”*

PRO SPIRA





The Columbus Symphony Cares program partners with central Ohio Social service organizations to support their missions through meaningful customized music programming. The Ohio Hispanic Coalition hosted an outdoor, socially distanced event with Columbus Symphony assistant concertmaster David Niwa and associate musician Mariko Kaneda-Niwa. Photo credit: Katelyn Rush.

Recipient	Grant
Ludie Sénatus	\$ 850
Robert Matthew Sexton	\$ 675
Otis Sharp	\$ 850
Nicholas Shaver	\$ 450
Andy Shaw	\$ 850
Chris Shaw	\$ 850
Jennifer Sheehan	\$ 850
Gloria Shows	\$ 250
Kaleigh Shrigley	\$ 850
Richard Shuster	\$ 300
Mike Siculan	\$ 400
Quianna Simpson	\$ 300
Mary Skrenta	\$ 850
Charles Small III	\$ 850
Cazembe Smith	\$ 850
Dane Phillip Smith	\$ 400
Danielle Smith	\$ 650
Nathan Smith	\$ 850
Tiffani Smith	\$ 850
Roger Snowdon III	\$ 850
Brandi Sparks	\$ 800
Scott Spears	\$ 600
Vanessa Speckman	\$ 850
Anne Spurgeon	\$ 850

Recipient	Grant
Paul Stelzer	\$ 630
Angela Stiftar	\$ 850
Lexie Stoia	\$ 850
Michael Stokes	\$ 431
Stephanie Streb	\$ 850
William Strickler	\$ 800
Tiera Suggs	\$ 600
Kate Sweeney	\$ 800
Fariha Tayyab	\$ 400
Brian Thomas	\$ 850
Jordan Thomas	\$ 850
Michael Thomas	\$ 850
Paisha Thomas	\$ 850
Sarah Todd	\$ 850
Buddy Tomak	\$ 700
Erin Torres	\$ 800
Jen Townsend	\$ 850
Gabrielle Travis	\$ 850
Jaelani Turner-Williams	\$ 180
Hans Utter	\$ 850
Paul Valdiviez	\$ 850
Jorge Vales	\$ 800
Rodolfo Vazquez	\$ 850
Annalisa Ventola	\$ 850

Recipient	Grant
Melissa Vogley Woods	\$ 840
Andre Walker	\$ 850
Lorii Wallace	\$ 850
Mary Ward	\$ 850
Xantha Ward	\$ 850
David Watkins	\$ 850
Caitlin Watters	\$ 850
Dustin Weatherby	\$ 850
Jennifer Webb	\$ 850
Michelle Weiser	\$ 500
Katherine Wexler	\$ 500
Bradley Weyandt	\$ 500
Maria Wheeler	\$ 850
Christopher Whitney	\$ 850
Corey Williams	\$ 850
Keyona Willis-Lynam	\$ 850
Daniel Winfield	\$ 850
Stevan Womack	\$ 850
Victoria Woods	\$ 850
Qamil Wright	\$ 850
Nathien Yates	\$ 850
Dennis Yelle	\$ 850
Jiung Yoon	\$ 850

**428 Grants  
Totaling \$328,566**

*“Project Support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council is an essential part of VIVO Music Festival’s ability to operate. Without GCAC, VIVO would never have become the organization we are today. GCAC is vital to VIVO and vital to the cultural life of our great city.”*

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	Budget 2021	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
<b>REVENUE</b>			
City of Columbus Hotel-Motel Tax	\$4,000,000	\$3,111,907	\$7,202,688
City of Columbus Admissions Tax	\$600,000	\$1,524,008	\$1,038,474
City of Columbus - Film & Music Commissions	—	—	\$200,000
City of Columbus - CARES Act	—	\$1,558,337	—
City of Columbus - Other	—	\$ 86,000	—
Franklin County	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
Columbus Arts Festival	\$865,898	\$332,206	\$1,263,379
SBA PPP Loan Forgiven	—	\$258,830	—
Ohio Arts Council	\$141,892	\$141,892	\$263,949
Advancement Fund	\$20,000	\$20,300	\$31,500
Contributions	\$20,000	\$559,884	\$35,557
Columbus Makes Art Sponsorships	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$140,000
Other Grant Income	—	\$3,480	\$12,717
Community Arts Partnership	\$120,000	\$23,585	\$128,801
Public Art Contracts	—	—	\$13,900
Fiscal Sponsor	—	\$34,427	\$56,555
In-Kind	—	\$67,175	\$86,119
Other	\$8,500	\$42,594	\$69,026
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$9,811,290</b>	<b>\$11,814,625</b>	<b>\$12,542,665</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Community Funding:</b> Grants & Services	\$7,926,683	\$7,986,430	\$6,660,761
Designated Projects	\$443,587	\$ 1,070,493	\$1,160,758
<b>Total Community Funding</b>	<b>\$8,370,270</b>	<b>\$9,056,923</b>	<b>\$7,821,519</b>
<b>Programs:</b> Community Arts Programs	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$60,007
Columbus Arts Festival	\$947,086	\$362,027	\$1,160,361
Film Columbus	\$200,000	\$175,610	—
Fiscal Sponsor	—	\$31,127	\$80,174
<b>Total Program Funding</b>	<b>\$1,182,086</b>	<b>\$588,764</b>	<b>\$1,300,542</b>
<b>Total Community Funding &amp; Programs</b>	<b>\$9,552,356</b>	<b>\$9,645,687</b>	<b>\$9,122,061</b>
Advocacy	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$ 39,375
Administrative Salaries & Contracted Services	\$987,536	\$1,009,821	\$945,360
Payroll Taxes and Employee Benefits	\$353,818	\$328,670	\$332,891
Accounting & Legal	\$ 33,100	\$37,756	\$31,531
Community Arts Partnership/Special Events	\$76,500	\$36,327	\$112,368
Conferences, Travel, Local Expenses	\$2,000	\$4,788	\$ 10,279
Office and Equipment Rental	\$151,189	\$138,870	\$112,986
Office Expenses, IT Contract & Insurance	\$104,195	\$ 147,773	\$96,883
Utilities	\$16,380	\$14,423	\$8,875
Advertising/Public Information	\$12,500	\$23,222	\$27,489
Memberships, Publications, and misc.	\$22,934	\$26,785	\$24,854
Depreciation and amortization	\$26,009	\$22,635	\$15,675
Bad Debt Expense	—	\$10,654	—
<b>TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$1,834,161</b>	<b>\$1,849,724</b>	<b>\$1,758,566</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$11,386,517</b>	<b>\$11,495,411</b>	<b>\$10,880,627</b>
<b>Gain/(Loss) on Investments</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$46,950</b>	<b>\$92,720</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(1,575,227)</b>	<b>\$366,164</b>	<b>\$1,754,758</b>
<b>BEGINNING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$5,984,991</b>	<b>\$5,599,340</b>	<b>\$3,844,582</b>
<b>Transfer in of Film Columbus Net Assets</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$19,487</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,409,764</b>	<b>\$5,984,991</b>	<b>\$5,599,340</b>
<b>Program Expenses as a % of Total Expenses</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>



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COSI distributed more than 12,000 Learning Lunchboxes at 51 unique distribution sites around Franklin County.

The 2020 COSI Science Festival engaged more than 118,000 people through 38 digital events.

The newly created COSI Connects website saw 16,828 visits and 1,639 downloads of the COSI app.

Recipients of COSI Connects boxes can't wait to start exploring! Photo courtesy COSI.

VIVO performs a safe and socially distanced concert at the Columbus Museum of Art. Photo courtesy VIVO.



Visitors enjoying the Desert Biome at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. On the first Sunday of each month, the Conservatory is free for residents of Franklin County. Photo courtesy Franklin Park Conservatory.





*"Thank you to the whole GCAC staff for these award levels. I don't know how you're doing it but we appreciate the support at such a crucial time."*

**SUSAN PRINGLE, COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S THEATRE**



Instructors practicing as part of Maroon Arts Group's MPACC BoxPark Yoga Outside the Box Program that began Summer 2020 as an outlet for creative & community wellness in the time of COVID-19. Photo courtesy Maroon Arts Group.



Columbus Makes Art featured artist KaTanya Ingram performs at the North Market as part of the Community & Street Performer program. The outdoor performances were one of the few ways people could enjoy live music in 2020. Photo courtesy North Market.

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**Just a few words of thanks from recipients of the COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Artists Fund.**



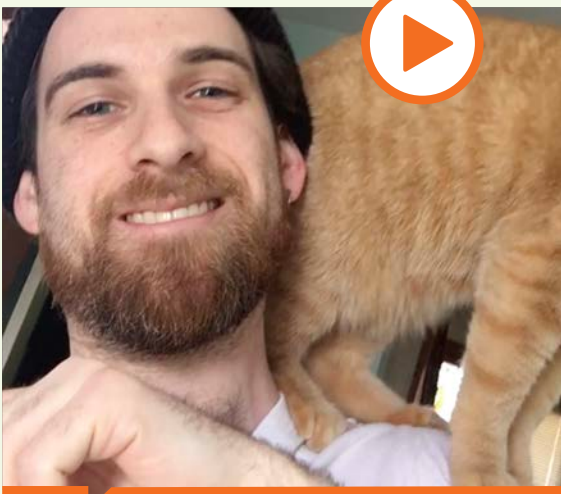
*"A bleak moment indeed. In a matter of days every stream of income I had ran dry, performances and teaching sessions being*

*cancelled left me in quite the predicament. I thank GCAC for assisting me in this time of turmoil as well as anyone who donated. The contributions are helping those that want to express themselves creatively in a society that needs it."*

**Cazembe Smith**



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*"THANK YOU SO MUCH GCAC! This grant is HUGE help and its funds will allow me to stay afloat while things reopen without having to worry about all the show cancellations. It's so encouraging to know the people in the city that I love has stepped up to support and validate the art we create and its importance to the character of the city."*

**Marco Castro**



*"Professional artists, such as myself, are largely self-employed and most of us make it without essentials like health insurance and we learn to make a little bit go a long way. There are very few options available to professional artists for emergency assistance and the Greater Columbus Arts Council was there for me and other Columbus artists, in a way that even the largest cities were not, for Columbus' own professional artists. I truly received a lifeline and inspiration to continue thanks to The Greater Columbus Arts Council."*

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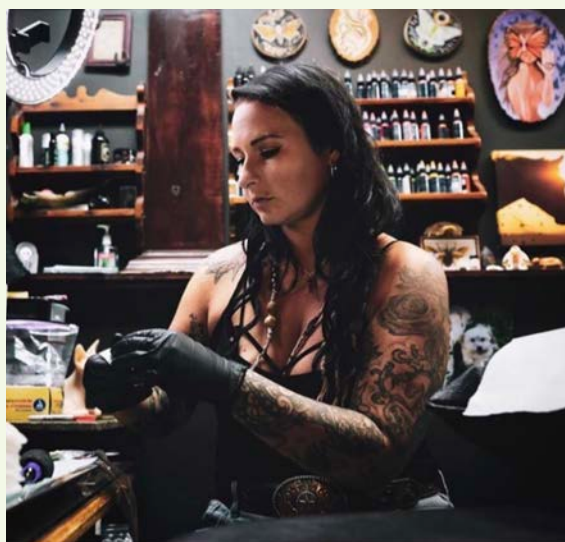
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*"I am extremely grateful to be a recipient of the GCAC COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant for artists! I lost my entire income overnight due to this crisis and with the grant, I am able to breathe an enormous sigh of relief. I won't have to feel stressed about how I'll buy groceries or pay bills. Thank you GCAC!"*

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*"Words can't express how much this means, not only to me, but all the artists and musicians who have received your help through this grant. I am beyond thankful to be living in Columbus right now- this truly shows how strong and supportive our community is during times like this, and I'm honored to call Columbus home."*

**Angela Perley**



*"I will forever appreciate the support in Ohio for artists. It is truly a blessing to live in such an artistically rich city. These funds will help me continue to support my dream as a full time working artists in these struggling times of social distancing. Thank you so much!"*

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The late Walt "Wali" Neil (1954-2020) a noted Columbus muralist is honored in this mural at Easton Towne Center created in 2020. Easton commissioned artists Adam Brouillette, Francesca Miller, Tau Murphy, and Shelbi Harris-Roseboro to create this reproduction of a Walt Neil painting. Photo credit: Lacey Luce.