

# Vermont Arts Council

**FY27 Budget Presentation**

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# Vermont's Commitment to Arts and Culture

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*Photo: Mark Washburn, Cabaret at Northern Stage, White River Junction*





# Investing in the Arts & Communities

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FY25 Grant Making: **\$1,444,302 in grant funding**

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**255 total grants**

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**95 individuals**

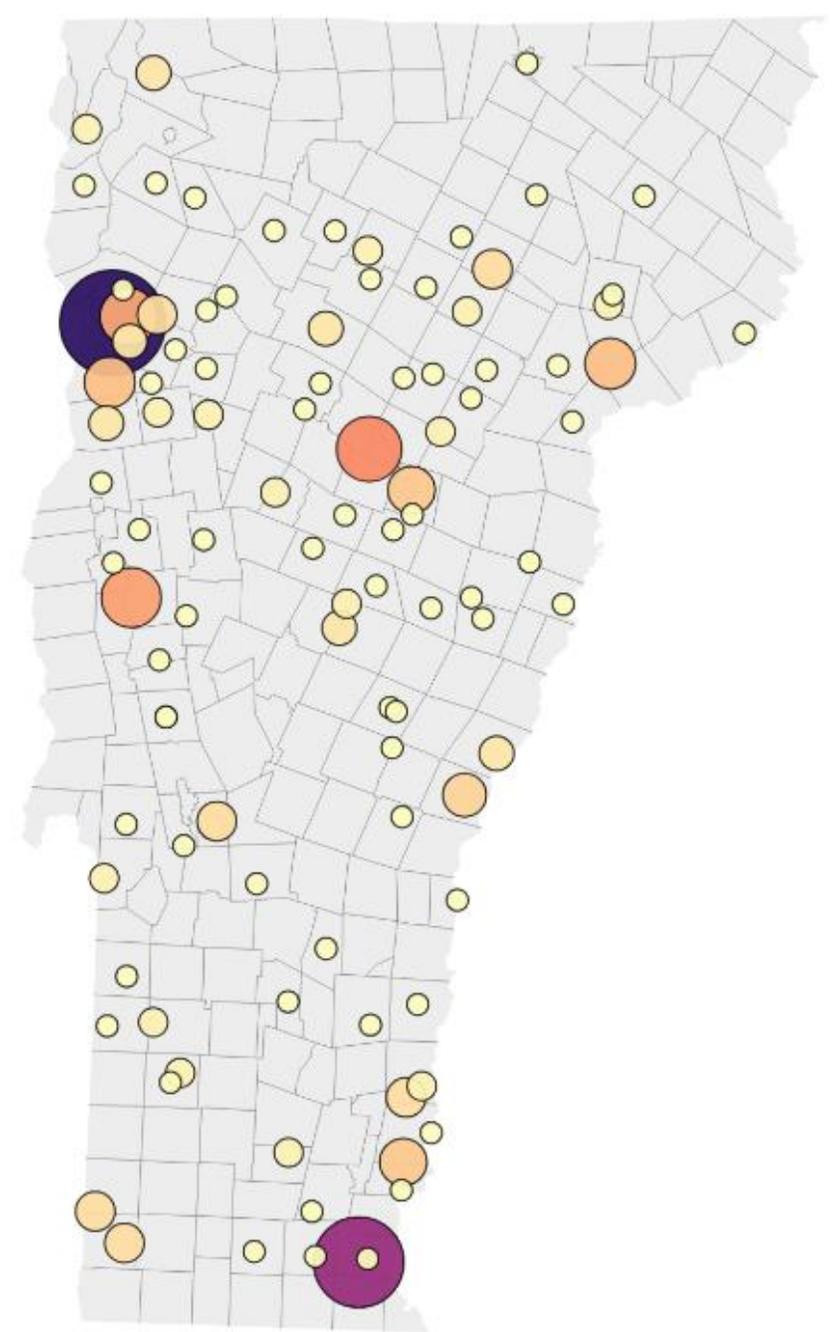
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**139 organizations**

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**All 14 counties**

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**Arts Project Grant: Town of Lunenburg**

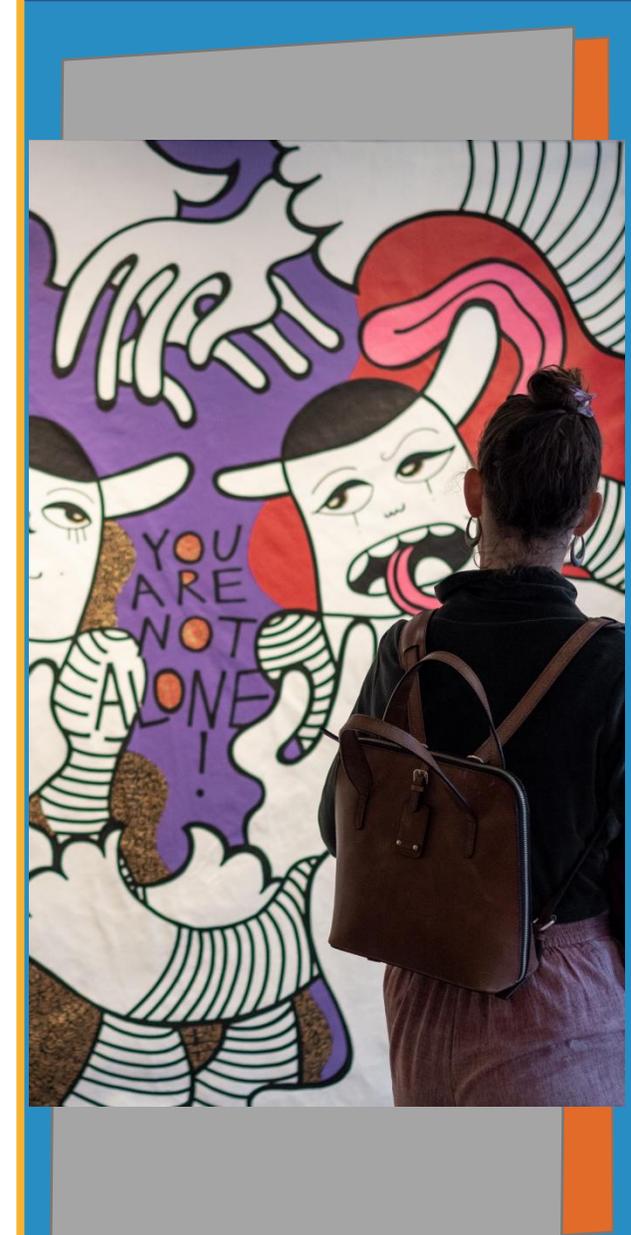


**Arts Operating Grant: The Arts Bus, Randolph**

# The Creative Sector Drives Vermont's Economy

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 2023:

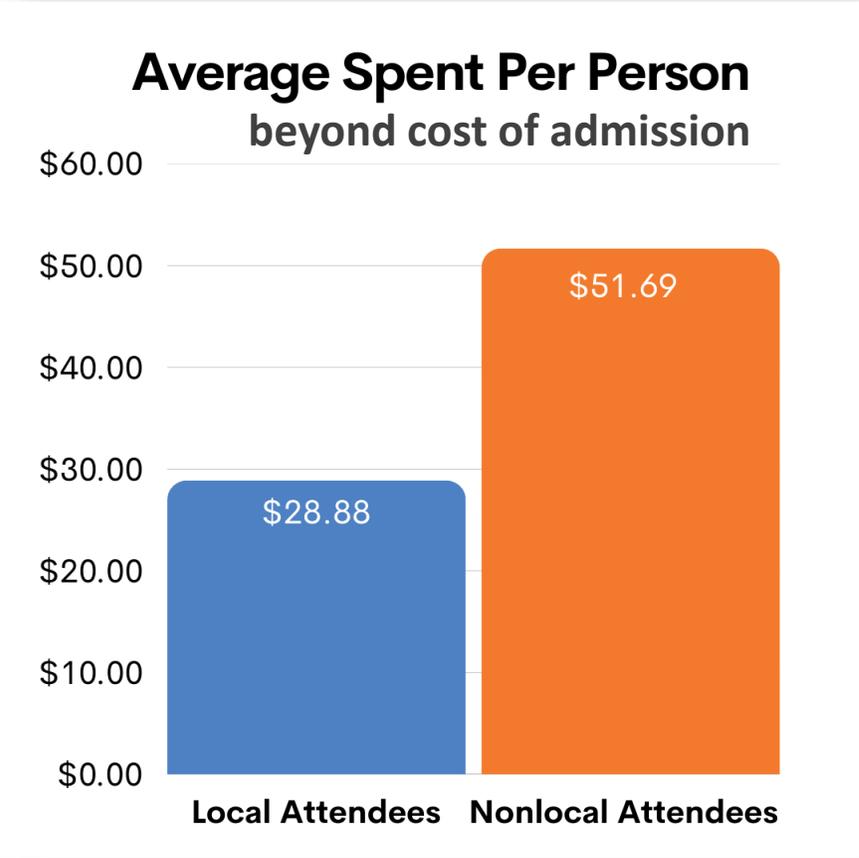
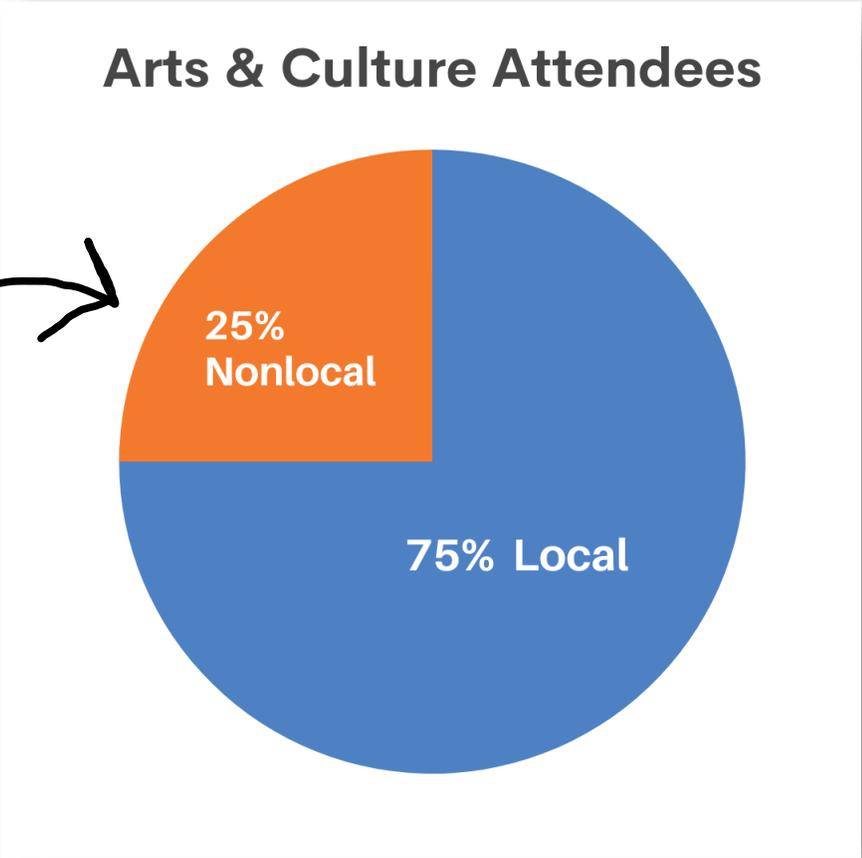
- Arts and Culture contribute over **\$1.2 billion** to Vermont's economy
- **3% of Vermont's GSP**
- **10,412 jobs**



# Audiences and Local Economies

➤ **1.4M** attendees to nonprofit arts and culture events during the survey period (2022)

79.4% came to VT “specifically to attend the performance, event, exhibit, venue, or facility”



# What do Vermonters think?

**93%** agree that *“Opportunities to view and participate in arts and culture are an important part of thriving and healthy communities.”*

**87%** agree that *“Arts and culture are an important part of K-12 education in Vermont.”*

**84%** said that *“Arts and culture are important to the identity of our state.”*



# FY27 Budget Request



Shidaa Projects at the Vermont Creative Network  
State Convening, June 2024

- Advised by NEA that our anticipated grant award will be level funded at \$1,071,800
- Requiring a state match of \$1,071,800
- Requesting increase of \$38,645 to what is in Governor's budget



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FY26 Budget

\$1,003,063

Governor's FY27 Recommend

\$1,033,155

Anticipated FY27 NEA Award

\$1,071,800

Required FY27 Additional Match

\$38,645



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