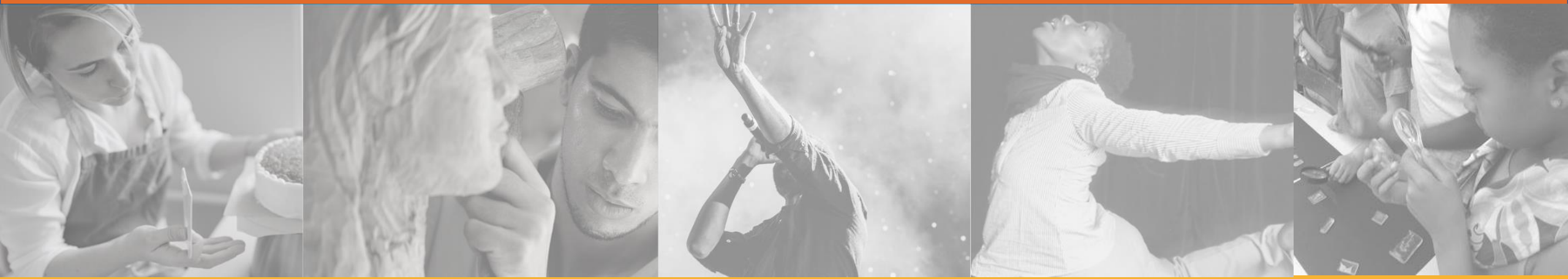


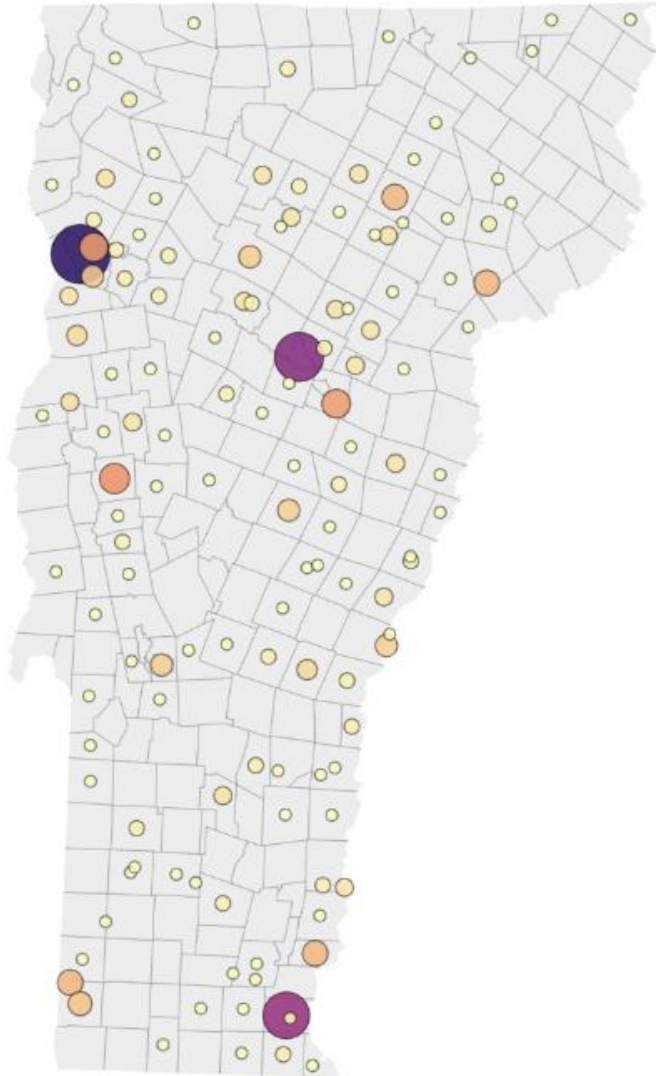
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Investing in the Arts & Communities



FY24 Grant Making:

- \$3,247,415
- 131 individuals
- 235 organizations and businesses
- All 14 counties
- Wrap up of Creative Futures
Covid-relief grants

2024 Organizational Grant Highlights



Photo Corner School

Corner School Resource Center in Granville, a FY24 Cultural Facilities grantee, installed storm windows and insulating shades making this old school building now community center more comfortable in all seasons.



Photo Miriam Block

Heritage Winooski Mill Museum in Winooski, a FY24 Arts Project grantee, held a series of knitting groups for refugee women from East Africa.



Photo Katya Wilcox

Island Arts in North Hero, a FY24 Arts Operating grantee, hosted a classical piano concert inside the historic Homer Knight barn.

2024 Arts Education Grant Highlights



Photo Rural Arts

Rural Arts in Greensboro, a FY24 Head Start Arts Integration grantee, partnered with Northeast Kingdom Community Action to bring artists into classrooms in Albany, Hardwick, and North Troy.



Photo Montgomery Elementary

Montgomery Elementary in Montgomery Center, a FY24 Artists in Schools grantee, held a 10-day circus residency with YES! Theater culminating in a performance for the community.



Photo Katie Kalata Rusch

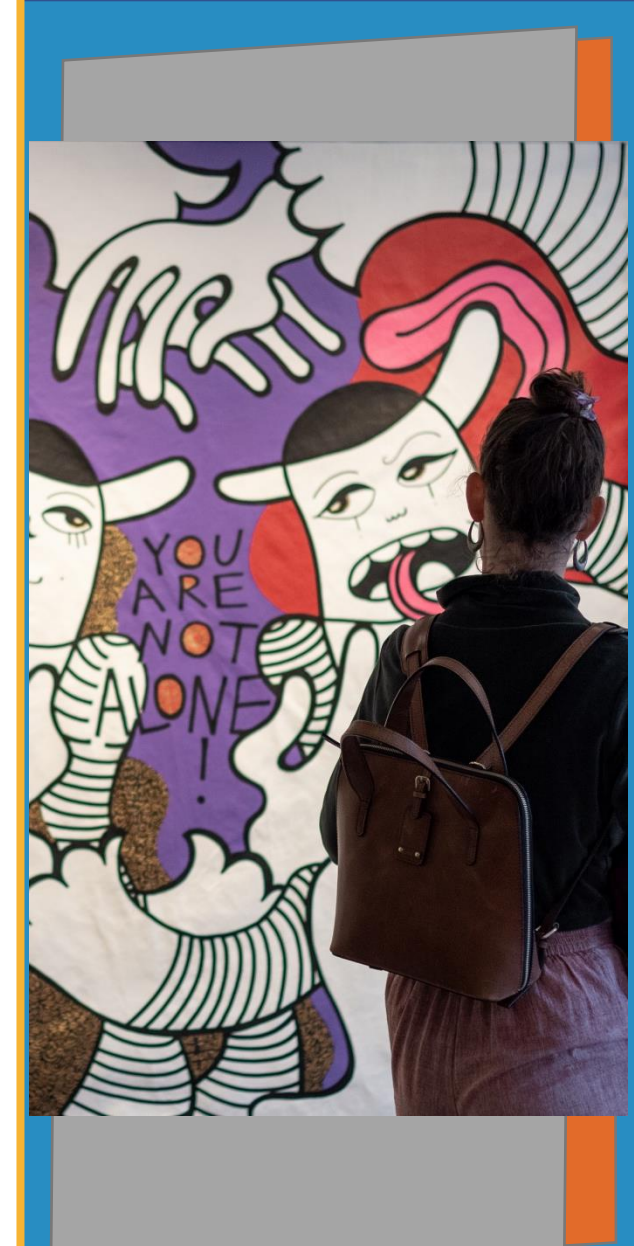
CraftStudies in White River Junction, a FY24 Creative Aging grantee, brought creative learning to Bugbee Senior Center with daytime craft classes and lunchtime social activities.



The Arts Drive Vermont's Economy

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 2022:

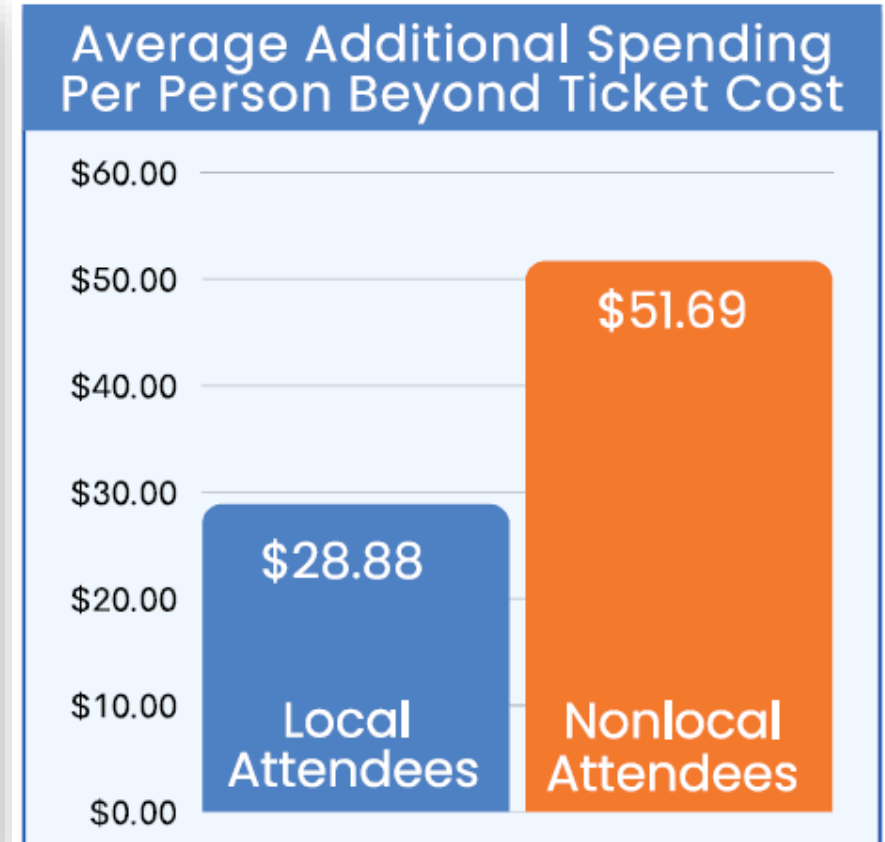
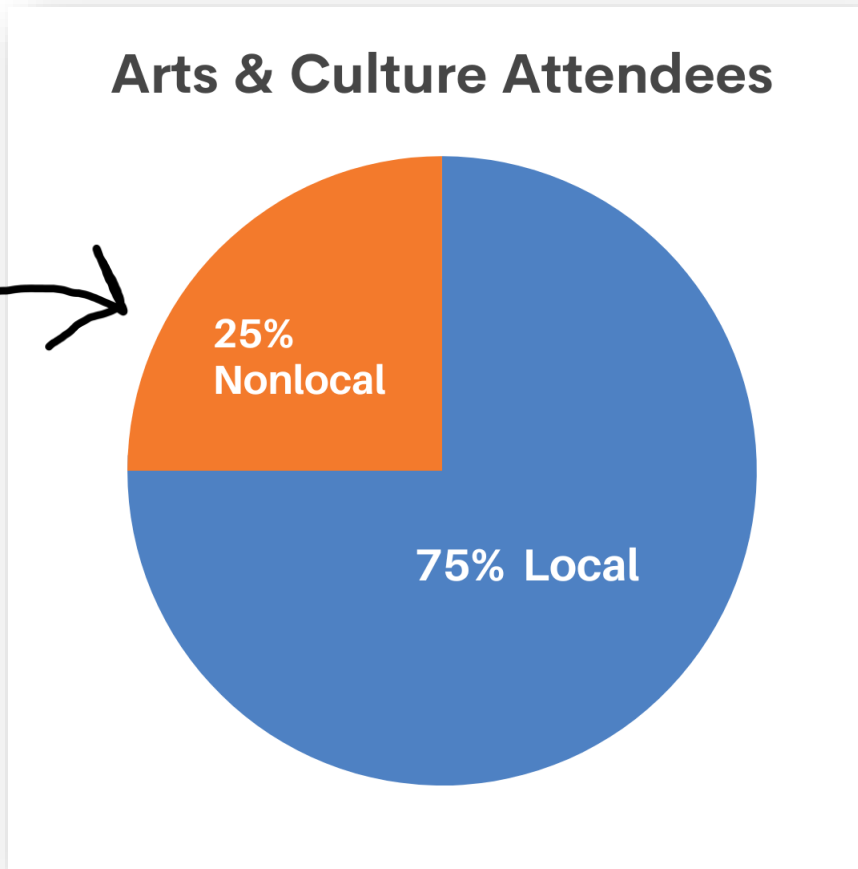
- Arts and Culture contribute nearly **\$1.2 billion** to Vermont's economy
- **3% of Vermont's GSP**
- **10,574 jobs**



Audiences and Local Economies

➤ **1.4M** attendees to arts and culture events in 2022

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





Circus Artist Rob Crites at the Vermont Creative Network State Convening, June 2024

VACDaRN: Vermont Arts & Culture Disaster and Resiliency Network



Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, 2023 flood recovery

FY26 Budget Request



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

- Advised by NEA that our anticipated grant award will be \$1,071,800
- Requiring a state match of \$1,071,800
- Requesting increase of \$68,737 to what is in Governor's budget

Film & Creative Media Workforce Development

- Build and sustain a database of film and creative media assets and opportunities
- Contact person for film and media production in Vermont
- Long-term, sustainable proposal for production incentives





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