

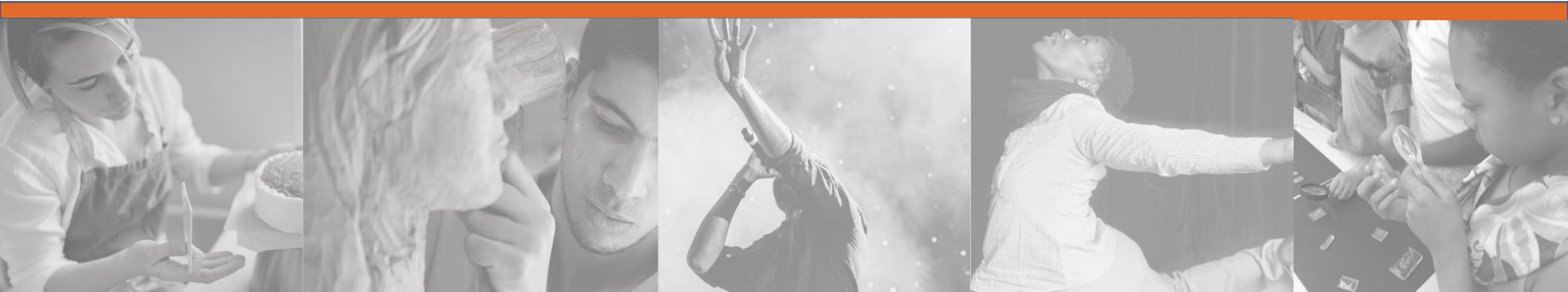
Vermont Arts Council

FY27 Budget Presentation

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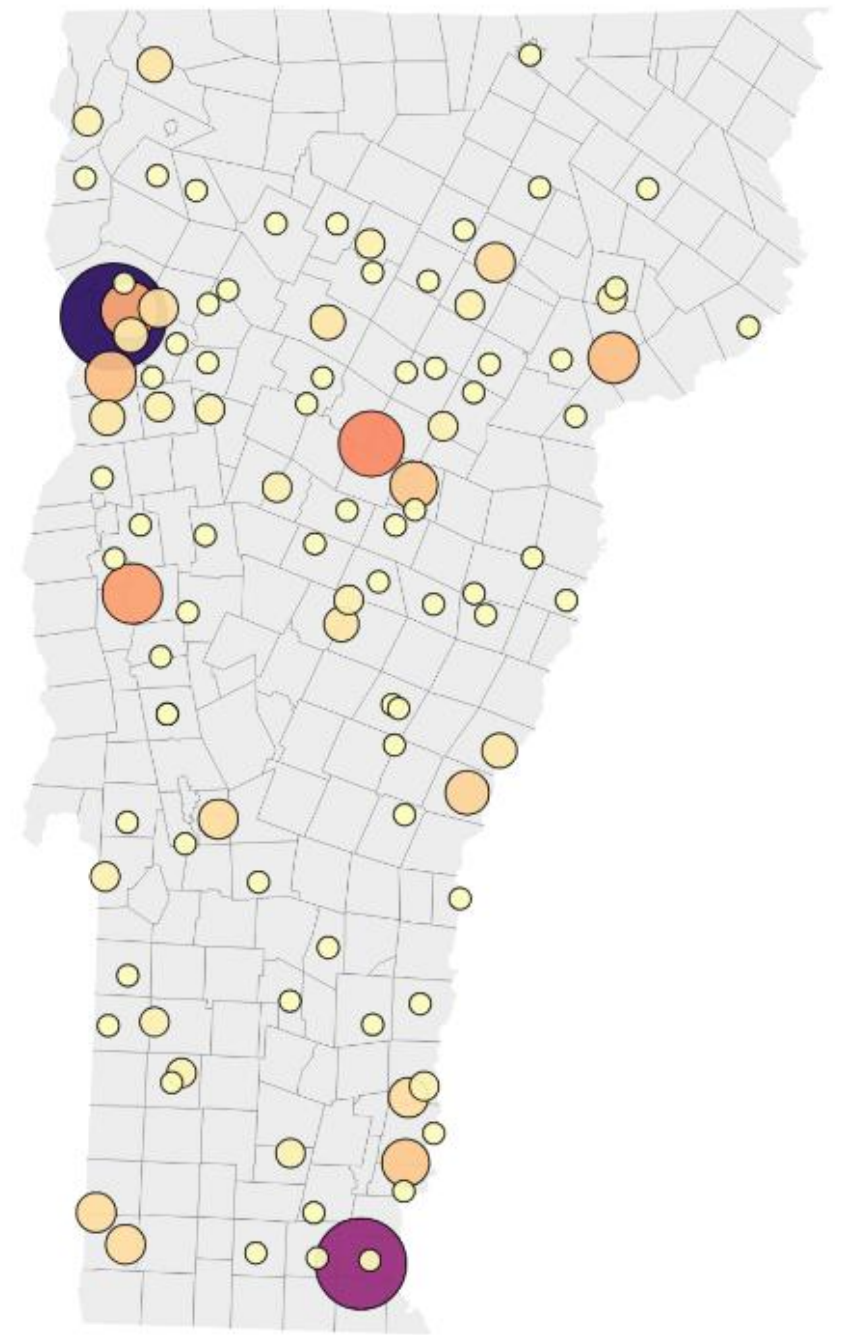
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Investing in the Arts & Communities

FY25	\$1,444,302 in grant funding
Grant	
Making:	255 total grants
	95 individuals
	139 organizations
	All 14 counties





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**

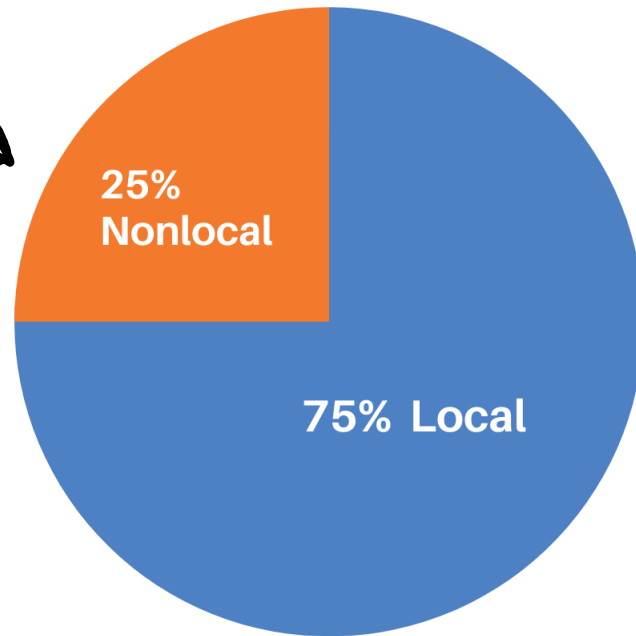


Audiences and Local Economies

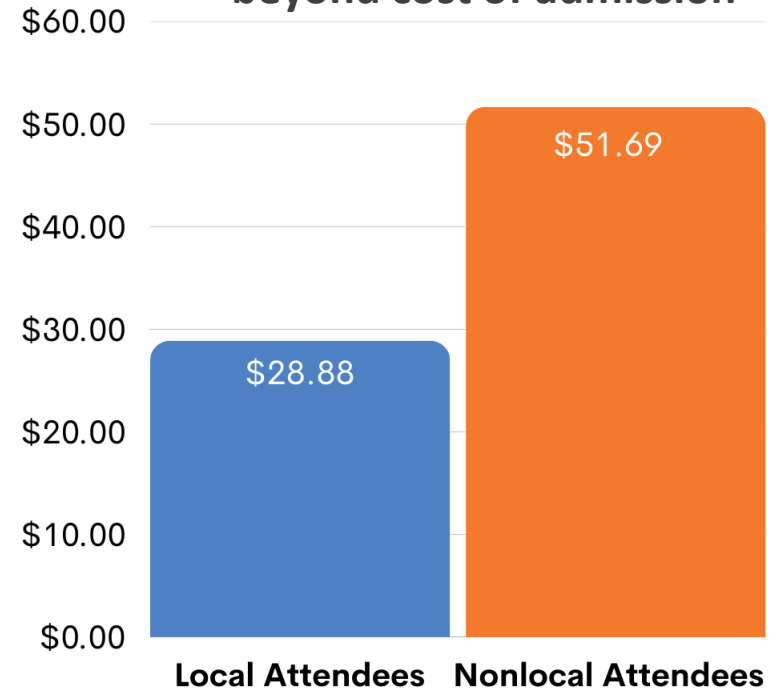
- **1.4M** attendees to nonprofit arts and culture events during the survey period (2022)

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

Arts & Culture Attendees



Average Spent Per Person beyond cost of admission



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



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



Vermont's Commitment to Arts and Culture

	FY27 Gov Budget	Additional 10%	FY27 Total
Vermont Arts Council	\$1,033,155	\$103,316	\$1,136,471
Vermont Symphony	\$158,795	\$15,880	\$174,675
Vermont Historical Society	\$1,245,583	\$124,558	\$1,370,141
Vermont Humanities	\$327,818	\$32,782	\$360,600

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



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