

Vermont Arts Council

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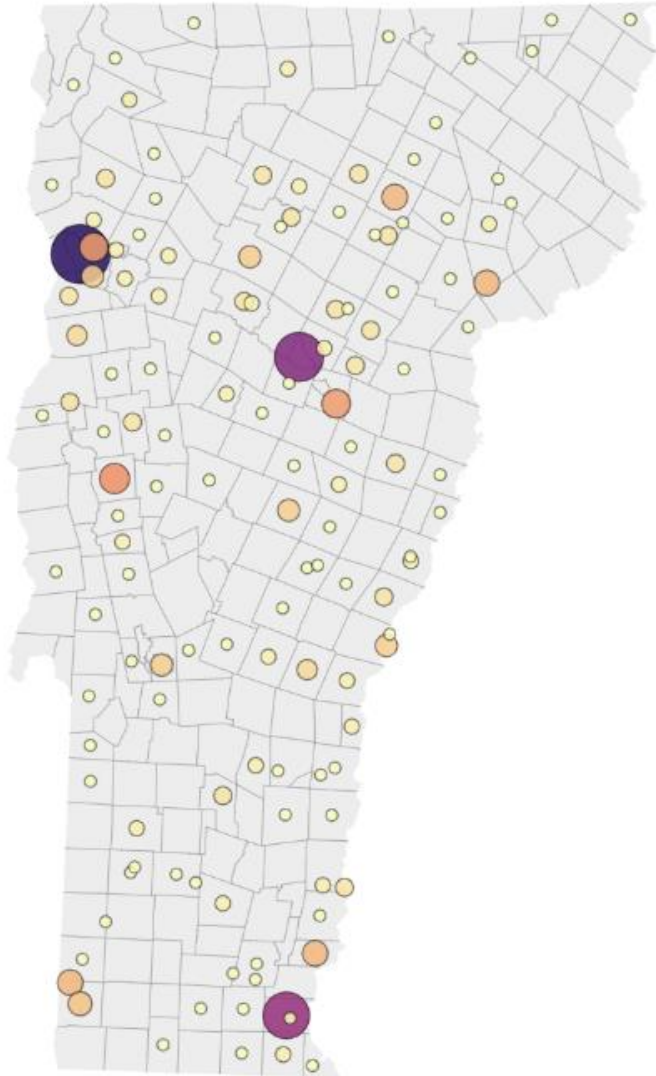
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Investing in the Arts & Communities



FY24 Grant Making:

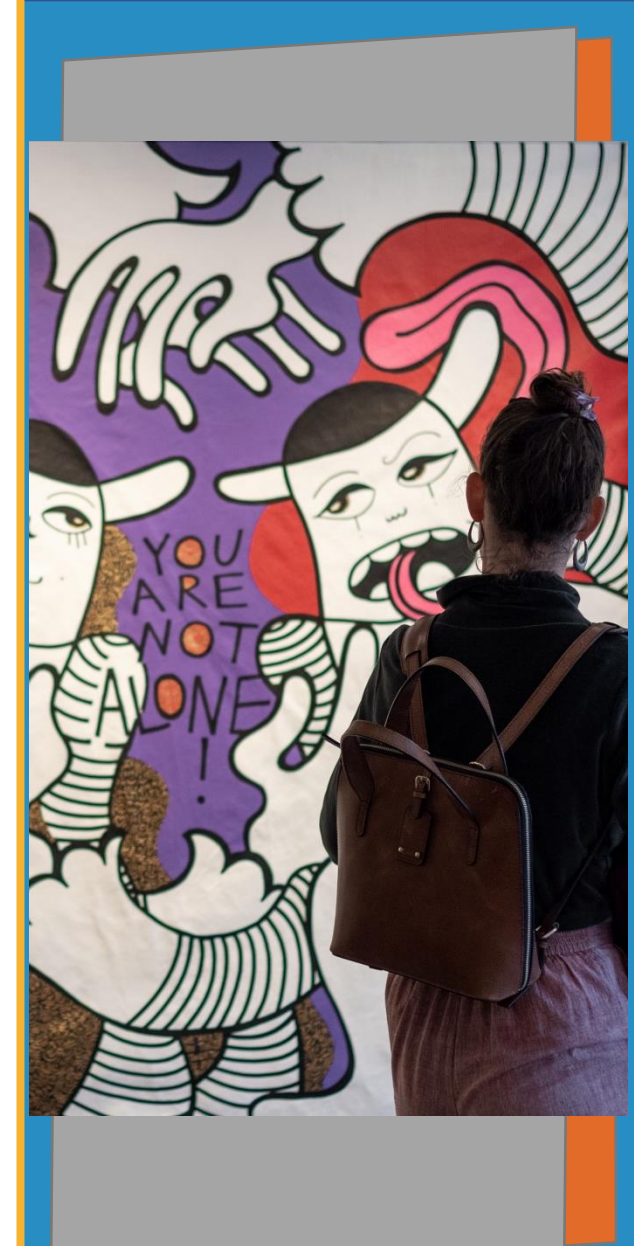
- \$3,247,415
- 131 individuals
- 235 organizations and businesses
- All 14 counties
- Wrap up of Creative Futures
Covid-relief grants



The Arts Drive Vermont's Economy

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 2022:

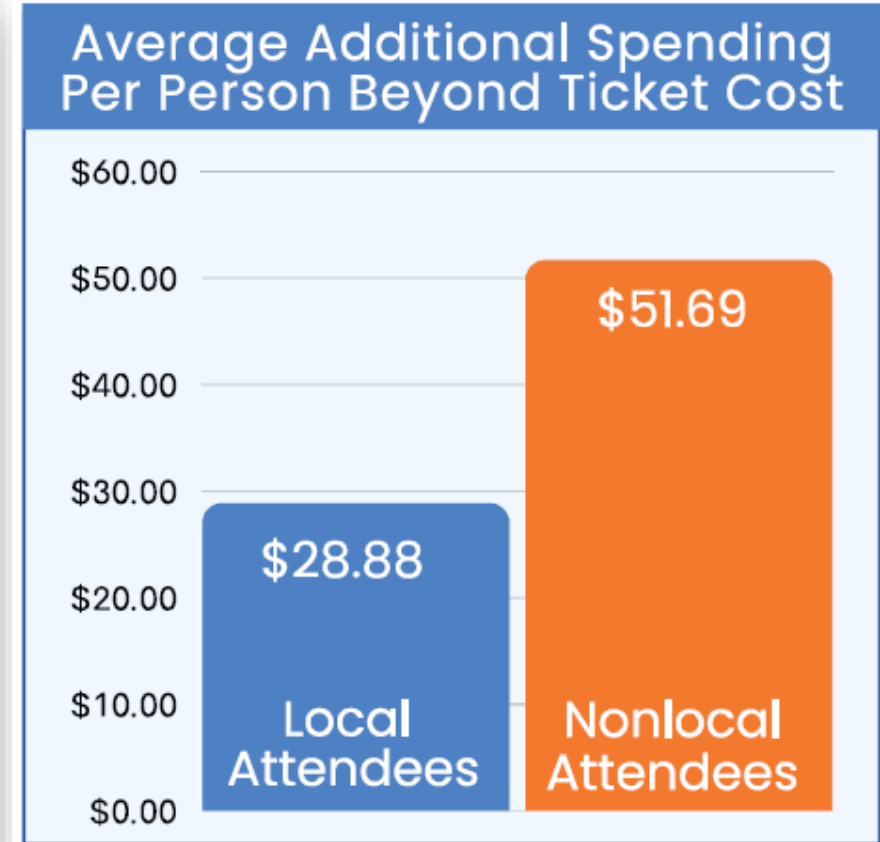
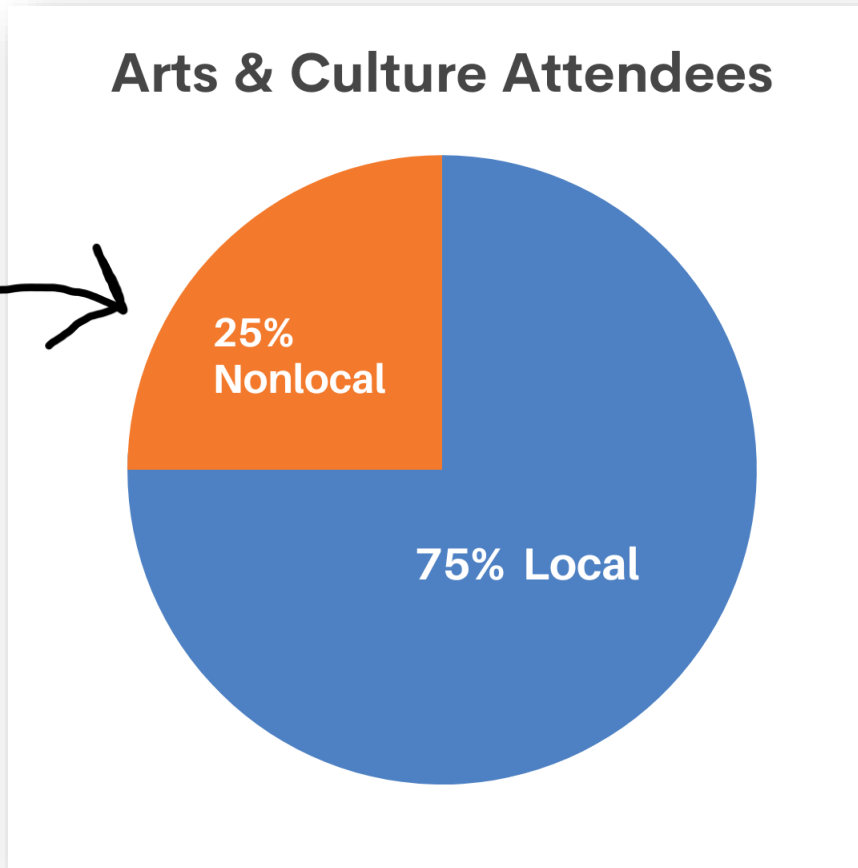
- Arts and Culture contribute nearly **\$1.2 billion** to Vermont's economy
- **3% of Vermont's GSP**
- **10,574 jobs**



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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