

The Arts in Arizona: District 15 Fact Sheet

THE ARTS ARE ABOUT JOBS

Artists are entrepreneurs and arts organizations are small businesses: both of which make up the foundation of Arizona's economy. The arts also promote innovation, collaboration and partnerships, particularly within rural and underserved communities.

PROPOSED CUTS TO THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

While budget reductions are unavoidable, the reductions outlined within the FY10 GOP Leadership Budget would be devastating to the arts industry, reducing the state arts budget by up to 75% within one year.

Similar reduction percentages have so far not been proposed for other state agencies. The proposed reductions and account sweeps will eliminate grants that directly support private sector jobs in every Arizona legislative district.

Should these draconian reductions be enacted:

- Up to 50,000 private sector jobs across Arizona would be in jeopardy.
- 1.7 million Arizona youth could lose arts education programs in their schools and communities.
- Local economies would lose critical tax revenue generated by arts and culture activities in cities and towns.
- Local businesses and vendors would lose essential revenue generated by arts businesses and patrons.
- Arizona's federal arts funding would be lost because of the match requirement. Federal funds lost because of the state's withdrawal of state funds would be delivered to other states to be used for the same purpose.
- The Arts Endowment, developed in a 12-year public/private process begun by Governor Fife Symington and supported by multiple gubernatorial administrations and state legislatures, would be eliminated. If swept, the State of Arizona will be renegeing on commitments made to Arizona business leaders and private donors.

The "three-legged stool" of arts funding cannot be dismantled. We urge you to leave the ArtShare Endowment intact, preserve the Arts Trust dedicated funding and limit reductions to the Commission's General Appropriation line to no more than 25%.

▶▶ HOW THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS WOULD AFFECT DISTRICT 15 ◀◀

- **Arizona's District 15 is home to 547 arts-related businesses that provide 3,105 private sector jobs.*** If the state withdraws its support to its statewide arts industry, these businesses and jobs will be at risk.
*Americans for the Arts Creative Industries Report, 2008.
- **A list of grants (\$\$) provided to District 15 in FY09 can be found on page 2.** These grants and programs would be eliminated if the state withdrew its support to the arts industry.

THE ARTS IN ARIZONA

The Arizona Commission on the Arts is a 43-year old agency of the State of Arizona which supports:

- The development and retention of statewide jobs in the arts, culture and education sectors
- Access to quality, vital arts and arts education opportunities for all Arizona citizens
- Increased economic impact in local communities through partnerships that develop tax and business revenue
- **Annually, Arizona Commission on the Arts grants and programs serve 8 million people, and 1.7 million Arizona youth are served by Commission-sponsored arts education programs in private, charter and public schools.**
- **Arizona is home to 50,000 people employed in private sector jobs within the arts and culture industry.**
- In fiscal year 2009, prior to mid-year budget cuts, Arizona taxpayers contributed \$0.83 per capita to the statewide arts industry in public funds, ranking 42nd in the nation in per capita arts funding. Across the nation, the average annual per capita public funds contribution was \$1.35.

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DISTRICT 15 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS, FY09:

Legislative District: 15

Organization	City	Project Title	Grant Award
1n10, Inc.	Phoenix	QSpeak Intergenerational Theatre Project	4,800
ABIL	Phoenix	Improbable Theatre Company 2008-9	1,350
Arizona Humanities Council	Phoenix	Arizona Humanities Festival	3,825
Arizona Jewish Theatre Co., Inc.	Phoenix	GOS III	16,000
Arizona Opera Company	Phoenix	Opera Weeks 2008	7,150
Arizona Opera Company	Phoenix	Basic Aid	107,149
Arizona Opera Company	Phoenix	Commission and premiere of In the Beginning	3,500
Ballet Arizona	Phoenix	Ballet 101	5,915
Ballet Arizona	Phoenix	Basic Aid	92,456
Ballet Arizona	Phoenix	Guest Teacher Program	1,400
Balsz Elementary District	Phoenix	Page to Stage and Intersession	3,000
Business Volunteers for the Arts	Phoenix	GOS II Locals	9,000
Cathedral Center for the Arts	Phoenix	2008 - 2009 Performing Arts Series	1,925
Creighton ESD, Creighton Elementary School	Phoenix	A New School Song	1,750
Creighton ESD, Larry C. Kennedy School	Phoenix	Ballet Folklorico	2,300
Creighton ESD, Monte Vista School	Phoenix	Artist in Residence	750
Creighton ESD, William T. Machan School	Phoenix	A Journey to West Africa	2,000
Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona	Phoenix	The Arts@Desiderata Project	10,000
Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona	Phoenix	Working Capital Reserve	21,903
Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona	Phoenix	GOS III	37,000
Grand Canyon Mens Chorale	Phoenix	GOS II	7,500
Great Arizona Puppet Theater	Phoenix	GOS III	23,556
Great Arizona Puppet Theater	Phoenix	Imagine This	2,300
Heard Museum	Phoenix	Basic Aid	168,906
Heard Museum	Phoenix	Working Capital	19,500
Heard Museum	Phoenix	World Championship Hoop Dance Contest	3,375
India Association of Phoenix	Phoenix	Discover India Diwali festival	3,150
Phoenix Art Museum	Phoenix	General Operating Support	196,007
Phoenix Art Museum	Phoenix	Arizona ArtShare - Working Capital	19,500
Phoenix Theatre	Phoenix	Working Capital II	66,721
Phoenix Theatre	Phoenix	GOS-Basic Aid	65,290
Scorpius Dance Theatre	Phoenix	10	1,400
Shakespeare Sedona	Scottsdale	GOS I	6,000
Shakespeare Sedona	Scottsdale	GUEST ARTISTS PROJECT	3,375
Stray Cat Theatre	Chandler	GOS I	3,465
Teatro Bravo	Phoenix	GOS I	2,130
Teatro Bravo	Phoenix	Bilingual Drama	1,360
Young Sounds Of Arizona	Phoenix	Meet The Composer	2,550
Young Sounds Of Arizona	Phoenix	GOS I	5,500

TOTAL ARTS GRANTS AND PROGRAMS IN DISTRICT 15, FY09: \$934,758