

The Arts in Arizona: District 7 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 7 ◀◀

- **Arizona's District 7 is home to 508 arts-related businesses that provide 1,429 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 7 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 7 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS, FY09:

Legislative District: 7

Organization	City	Project Title	Grant Award
Alliance for Audience	Phoenix	Statewide Audience Development Collaboration	17,429
Alliance for Audience	Phoenix	GOS III	16,000
Arizona Arts Chorale	Phoenix	GOS II	5,000
Arizona Musicfest	Carefree	GOS I	5,500
Arizona Musicfest	Carefree	Festival Orchestra	4,445
Cave Creek Film & Arts Festival	Cave Creek	Cave Creek Film and Arts Festival	2,475
Desert Foothills Theater	Carefree	GOS I	3,500
Desert Foothills Theater	Carefree	DFT 0809 Artist Fees	1,400
Desert Foothills Theater	Carefree	Libby Skala Residency	2,500
Fine Arts Association of Arizona	Chandler	GOS I	1,617
Four Seasons Orchestra	Scottsdale	Marketing and Development Plan	1,148
Gnosis Ltd.	Cave Creek	Constructions Buildings in Arizona by Alfred Newma	2,475
Milestones Charter School	Phoenix	New Works Festival	2,000
Paradise Valley USD, Pinnacle Peak Elementary School	Scottsdale	An Exploration of Asian Arts and Culture	1,975
Red Rocks Music Festival	Phoenix	Guest artists for 2008 Red Rocks Music Festival	4,050
Red Rocks Music Festival	Phoenix	2008 Red Rocks Music Festival	4,572
Cave Creek Unified School District		Step Into Arts Learning: African Drumming	\$2500
Batucaxe Afro-Brazilian Ensemble		Sudden Opportunity Grant: Master Classes with Rosangela Silvestre	\$876

TOTAL ARTS GRANTS AND PROGRAMS IN DISTRICT 7, FY09: \$79,462