

ArtsKC Advocacy Agenda

ArtsKC is the voice for our arts community as we advocate for policies that strengthen and gain public and private support for the arts across the greater KC region.

Public Access to the Arts

ArtsKC supports equitable access to and investments in the arts and culture that ensures a strong and vibrant Kansas City region

Public Access to the Arts at a National Level

- Supports increased funding for NEA, NEH, CPB, IMLS

Public Access to the Arts in the State of Missouri

- Supports an increase in funding for Missouri Arts Commission.
- Supports the A&E distribution formula for the five Cultural Partners.
- Supports the extension of the sunset on the A&E Tax.

Public Access to the Arts in the State of Kansas

- Supports increased funding for Kansas Creative Industries Council in the Department of Commerce.

Public Access to the Arts in the KC region

- Support policy that encourages public investment in arts and culture (e.g. 1% for art).
- Supports the introduction and/or increase in dedicated funding for the artists and arts organizations in city and county budgets throughout the 5-county region.

Arts Education

ArtsKC supports equal access to quality arts education for all individuals to ensure better academic achievement and improved programmatic outcomes in primary and secondary schools, health care, social services.

Arts Education at a National Level

- Supports well-rounded arts provisions in the new Education law (*Every Student Succeeds Act; PL 114-95*) are fully implemented.
- Supports funding for the Assistance for Arts Education program at the U.S. Department of Education at \$30 million.
- Supports full funding for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grant program at its authorized level of \$1.65 billion.

Arts Education in the State of Missouri

- Supports full funding for the Missouri Fine Arts Academy.
- Supports the Missouri State Board of Education to ensure comprehensive fine arts instruction (dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art) in elementary, middle and high schools.
- Supports the Missouri State Board of Education with the implementation of the Missouri Learning Standards and recognizes the role of arts instruction as an integral part in the effective achievement of these standards.
- Supports the continued employment of a full-time Fine Arts Director for DESE (Dept of Elementary & Secondary Education).

Arts Education in Kansas

- Supports the arts as core subjects in the Kansas' Basic Education Program, all students will benefit from skills and

processes that are developed through the arts and that can be applied in a variety of disciplines and settings.

Economic Development & the Creative Economy

ArtsKC supports investment in the creative economy that encourages advancement of entrepreneurial artists, arts organization and creative business.

Creative Economy at a Federal Level

- Supports the CREATE Act ([Comprehensive Resources for Entrepreneurs in the Arts to Transform the Economy](#))

Creative Economy in the State of Missouri

- Supports the State of Missouri funding for the development of the Downtown Campus for the UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance.
- Supports the reinstatement of Missouri Film Tax Credit encouraging growth of the film industry.

Creative Economy in the KC region

- Supports the Funding for the Downtown Campus for the UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance.
- Supports property tax policy that encourages the redevelopment of the region by individual entrepreneurial artists and small creative business.

Tax Policy

ArtsKC supports tax policy that encourages charitable giving, ensuring funding that provides strong community access to arts organizations and arts programs

Tax Policy at a Federal Level

- Supports policy that ensures charitable contribution deductions for the nonprofits arts industry.
- Supports policy to regain fair deductions for artists and writers making gifts.

Human Rights & Immigration

ArtsKC supports policy that advances mutual understanding, respect and builds positive and equitable relationships among diverse regional communities, as well as, between the U.S. and rest of the world.

At a National Level

- Oppose policies that limit the free exchange of art, artists, and ideas based on nationality, faith, race, age or ability.
- Supports congressional action to ensure the protection of DREAMERS, including people who work or plan to work in the creative industries.

In the State of Missouri

- Oppose SB 43, enabling individual discrimination and harassment within the State of Missouri. (*re: NAACP travel ban*).