

ArtsKC 2022 Policy Agenda

VALUES STATEMENT

ArtsKC is the voice for our arts community, advocating for policies that strengthen public and private support for the arts across the greater Kansas City region toward an equitable, vital, and healthy region. The arts bring diverse people and cultures together. We exhibit and encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of society, especially participation in the arts in all forms.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE ARTS

ArtsKC supports equitable access to and investments in arts and culture that ensures a strong and vibrant arts community. This includes our support for public funding for the arts at the national, state, and local levels (ex: 1% for arts), especially entities as part of public structures like the NEA, NEH, Missouri Humanities Council, and Kansas Creative Industries Commission, among others.

ARTS EDUCATION

ArtsKC supports equal access to quality arts education for all individuals to ensure improved academic achievement and programmatic outcomes in primary and secondary schools, healthcare (arts therapy), and social services.

TAX POLICY

ArtsKC supports tax policy that incentivizes advancement of entrepreneurial artists, arts organization and creative business and encourages charitable giving that provides strong community access to arts organizations and arts programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

ArtsKC supports investment in the creative economy that encourages advancement of entrepreneurial artists, arts organizations, and creative business, with particular emphasis on the participation of the arts in the recovery of our federal, state, and local economies.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

ArtsKC supports public policy that considers the arts in discussions and decisions related to health and wellbeing. We support the preservation of Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions that provide access to affordable healthcare coverage for artists and other creative occupations, community guidelines and policies that make approval of events easier and more cost-effective—i.e., reduced permit fees, sidewalk café seating, outdoor event liquor licensing, etc., and other public health policies to ensure healthy communities and gatherings as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 the rest of the world. This includes policies related to participation in the arts workforce and education.