



# Power of Culture

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**Mass Cultural Council**

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# FY23 Priorities

**Increase investment in a cultural sector still reeling from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic**

- Cultural Sector Recovery Program for Individuals
- Cultural Sector Recovery Program for Organizations

## **Racial Equity**

- Continue progress on Racial Equity Plan
- Updates to FY23 agency programs

## **Strategic Plan**

- Engage Council, staff, and constituents in the new strategic planning process.

# Mass Cultural Council Budget: Fiscal Year 2023

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Massachusetts State House

## Total: \$85.1 Million

\*State Appropriation: \$23.4 million

Pandemic Recovery Funds: \$54.6 million

NEA Grants: \$1.1 million

\*\*Gaming Funds: \$4.9 million

Other funds: \$1.1 million

\*State Appropriation includes earmarks for \$877,000 of passthrough funds \*\*Gaming funds include funds in hand as well as anticipated revenue from collections for the year

# Summary of Legislative Language

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1. Align spending with strategic plan
2. Invest 75% of state appropriation into grant spending
3. Report on spending plan by January 31, 2023

# Amount Granted: FY22 and FY23

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## Total Grantmaking (Including Gaming, Pandemic Recovery Funds, and earmarks)

**FY22:** \$24.0 million

**FY23:** \$78.3 million

## State Appropriation Grantmaking (Excluding Gaming, Pandemic Recovery Funds, and earmarks)

**FY22:** \$17.9 million

**FY23:** \$20.3 million

# Total Grantmaking:

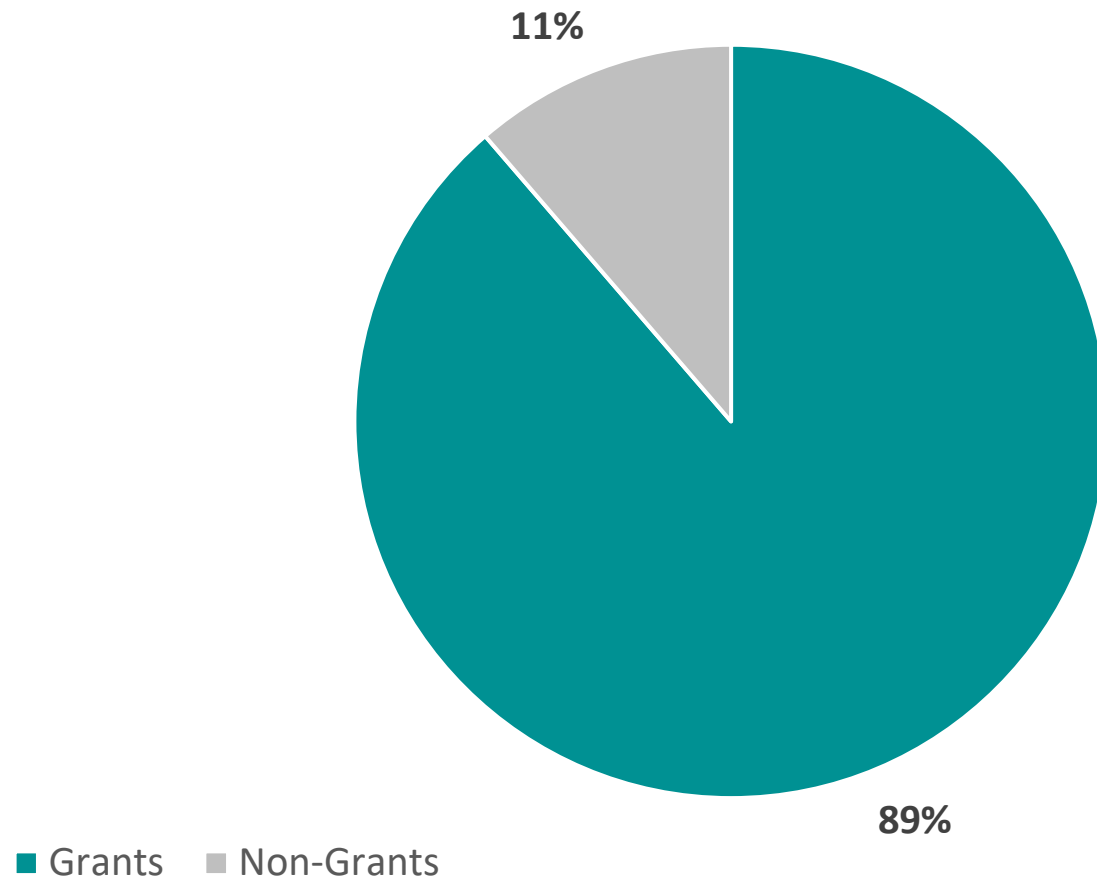
## Percentage of Appropriation Spent on Grants

Total in Grants = \$ 78.3 million

**348% of the FY23 State Appropriation is expected to be awarded in grants.**

# State Appropriation Grantmaking: Percentage of Appropriation Spent on Grants

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# Grantmaking & Strategic Plan

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**Enriching Communities:** Amplify cultural vitality in cities and towns through integrated community-focused grants, initiatives, and advocacy.

**Growing the Economy:** Enhance the Commonwealth's economic vitality by helping artists and cultural organizations thrive.

**Advancing Inclusion and Equity:** Promote more diverse and inclusive participation in the cultural sector by ensuring equity in policies, practices, and opportunities.

**Empowering a Creative Generation:** Enhance creative learning experiences in schools and communities that instill agency in, and support the growth of, creative, productive, independent-minded young people.



# Enriching Communities

	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Note</b>
Cultural Districts	\$ 412,500	\$ 825,000	100%	Increased grants from \$7.5 k to \$15k.
Local Cultural Council Program	\$ 4,785,000	\$ 5,500,000	15%	All LCCs see increase. Minimum increased from \$5k to \$5.5k
NEFA Project	\$ 60,000	\$ 70,000	17%	Increase
Mass Humanities	\$ 754,886	\$ 849,247	13%	Formula
	<b>\$ 6,012,386</b>	<b>\$ 7,244,247</b>	<b>20%</b>	

# Enriching Communities/Advancing Inclusion and Access

	FY22	FY23	Change	Note
New Projects/Festival Program		\$ 1,375,000		Combined prior programs. 550 \$2.5k grants. More grants, and an increase over the \$1.5k Festival grants (Projects were at \$2.5k)
Projects	\$ 487,500			
Festivals	\$ 300,000			
	<b>\$ 787,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,375,000</b>	<b>75%</b>	

# Advancing Inclusion and Access

	FY22	FY23	Change	Note
Traditional Arts Apprenticeships	\$ 100,000	\$ 180,000	80%	More grantees. 18 grantees at \$10k each
UP Innovation & Learning Network Stipend	\$ 50,000	\$ 55,000	10%	Same stipend, one more participant
UP Innovation Fund	\$ 90,000	\$ 441,000	390%	Moving from 30 \$3k grants to 98 \$4.5k grants
NAAC	\$ 35,000	\$ 70,000	100%	Increase
Cultural Equity Learning Community	\$ 50,000	\$ 125,000	150%	Supporting launch and underwriting MA participant registration fees
Social Prescription Pilot	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	0%	No change
	<b>\$ 445,000</b>	<b>\$ 991,000</b>	<b>123%</b>	

# Growing the Economy

	FY22	FY23	Change	Note
Artist Fellowships	\$ 1,300,000			Paused
Cultural Sector Recovery for Individuals		\$ 15,000,000		3,000 \$5k grants
Cultural Sector Recovery for Organizations		\$ 36,080,000		Grants between \$5k and \$75k. Number TBD.
CIP Portfolio	\$ 6,181,600	\$ 6,864,300	11%	Formula with new equity points included. Minimum grant increased to \$6k. Most grantees see an increase.
CIP Gateway	\$ 128,000	\$ 132,000	3%	grants increased to \$6k
Gaming Mitigation Program	\$ 3,680,000	\$ 3,500,000		Estimated
Mass Humanities Pandemic Recovery Program		\$ 2,500,000		Pandemic Recovery Funds
Media Partnerships	\$ 130,000	\$ 100,000	-23%	Transition year
Mass Cultural Data Project	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	0%	No change
Mass Creative	\$ 15,000	\$ 100,000	567%	Increase
	<b>\$11,472,100</b>	<b>\$ 64,313,800</b>	<b>461%</b>	

# Empowering a Creative Generation

	FY22	FY23	Change	Note
YouthReach	\$ 1,613,000	\$ 1,892,000	17%	Increase in number of grantees. No change in grant amount.
STARS Residencies	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,401,250	22%	Increase in number of grantees.
Poetry Out Loud	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0%	No change
Big Yellow School Bus				Paused
Mass History Day	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0%	No change
Johnson String Project	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0%	No change
Youth Arts Impact Network/EdVestors	\$ 22,150	\$ 30,419	37%	Increase
META/CYD Fellows	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	0%	No change
	<b>\$ 2,965,150</b>	<b>\$ 3,503,669</b>	<b>18%</b>	

# Passthrough Funds

	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>
Earmarks - Passthrough Funds	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 877,000



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