



MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

Minnesota Senate
Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee

March 4, 2025



MISSION

The Minnesota State Arts Board is an executive branch agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. *M.S. 129D.04*

Created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1903, it is one of the oldest state government arts agencies in the country.

KEY DUTIES

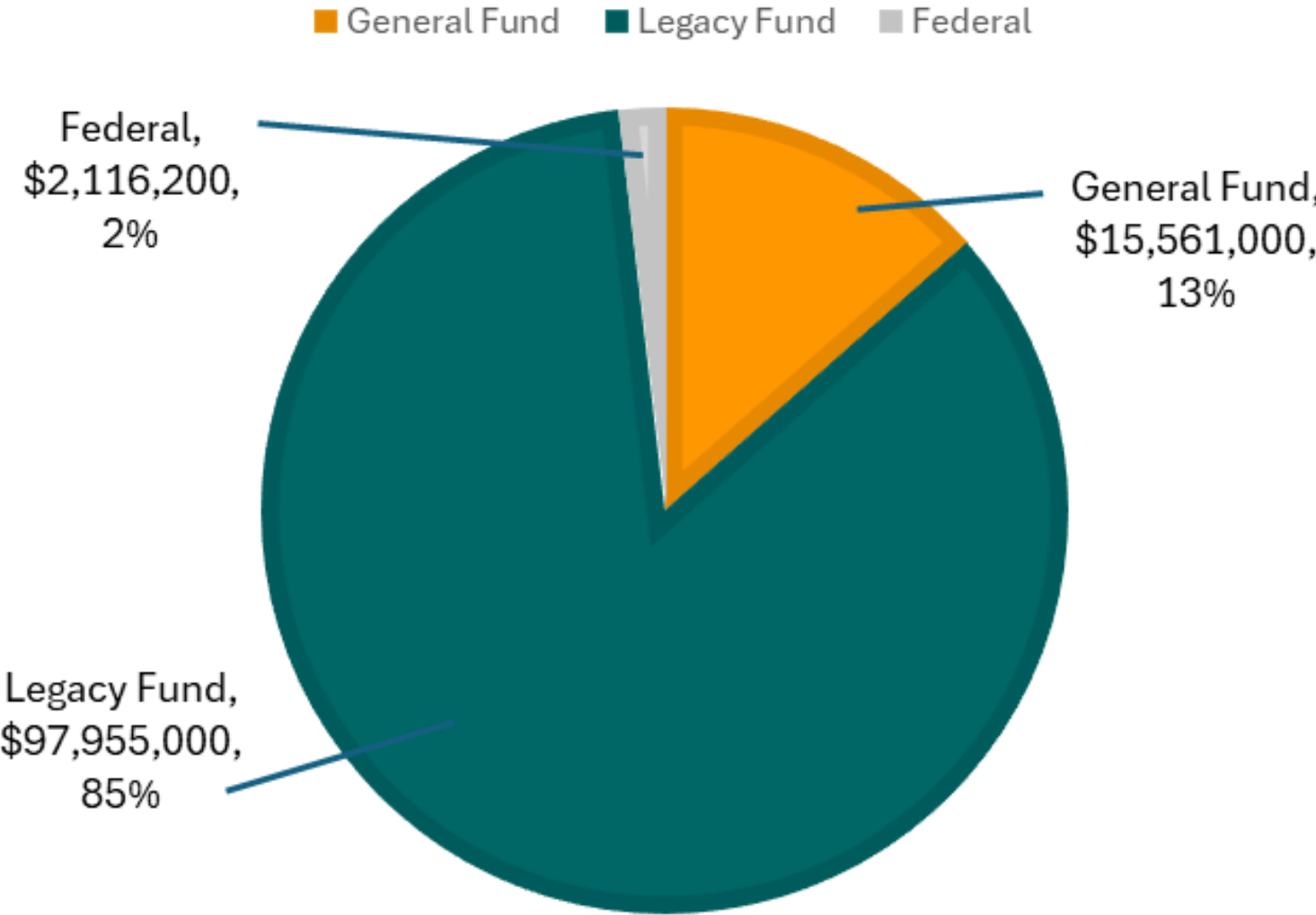
- Provide financial support for artistic activities throughout the state
- Serve as fiscal agent for a statewide network of regional arts councils
- Provide advice to other state departments relating to the arts: Capital Art Exhibit Advisory Committee, Capital Area Architectural and Planning Board, State Designer Selection Board, Governor's Residence Council
- Manage the Minnesota Percent for Art in Public Places program, through a delegation from the Minnesota Department of Administration



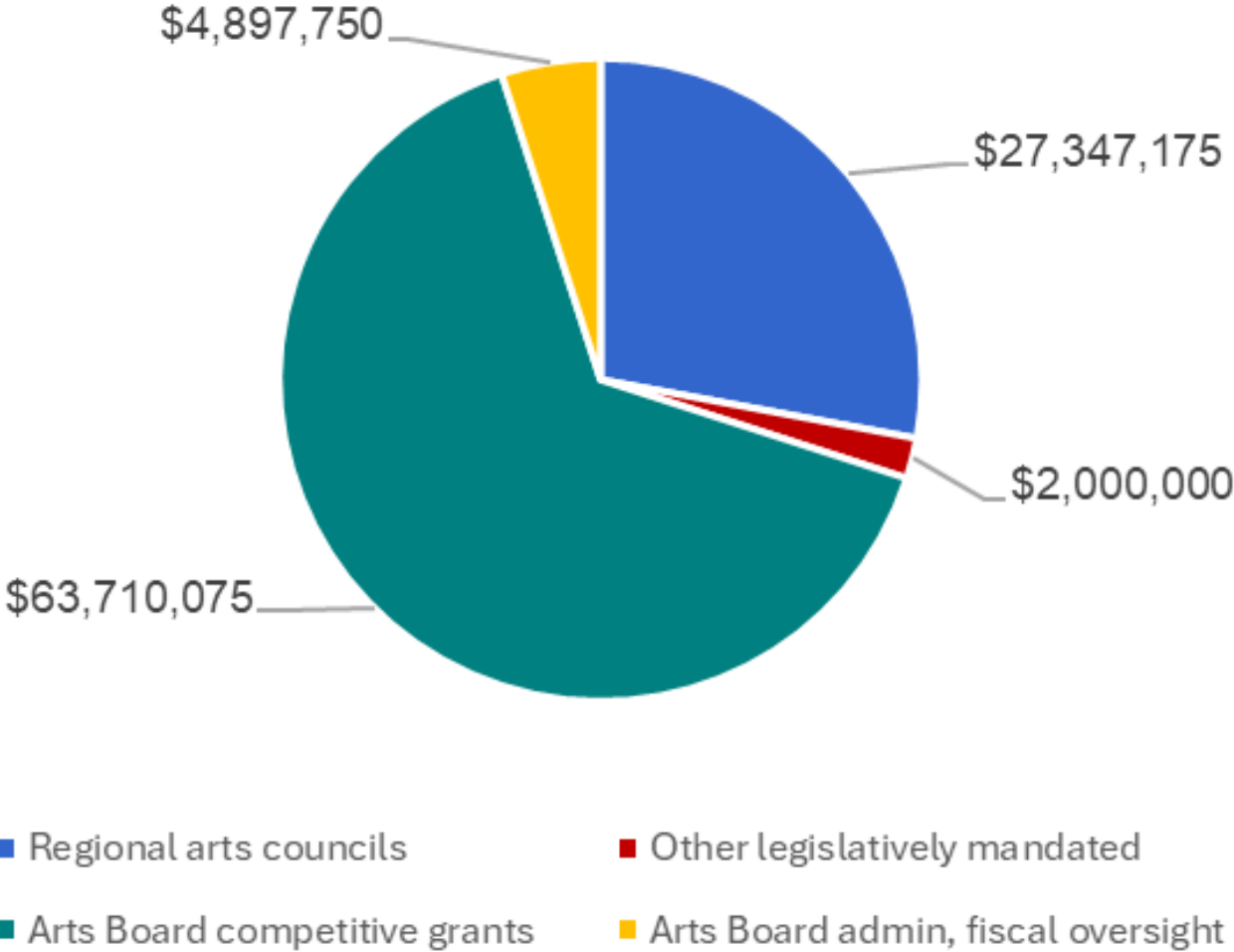
Revenue and Expenditures



FY 2024-2025 ALL REVENUE



Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund FY 2024-2025 Appropriation



Competitive Grants



Application Process

- Announce deadlines in January
<https://www.arts.state.mn.us/calendar/>
- Post application materials at least eight weeks before application deadlines
- Webinars – grant opportunities for individuals and organizations
- Online information sessions – live and recorded
- In person grants workshops and events
- One-on-one applicant support



Application review and grants management

- Staff reviews for eligibility and completeness
- Financial review (*)
- Advisor panels review and prescore
- Administrative / artistic visits (*)
- Advisor panels review applications in public meetings
- Advisor panels assign final scores
- Allocate funding based on ranked scores
- Board review and approval
- Monitoring / financial reconciliation (*)
- Final reports

(*) Grants > \$50,000

Review criteria

- Artistic
 - Administrative
 - Engagement
 - Public benefit
 - Evaluation
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- Commitment to engaging Minnesotans in meaningful arts programming
 - Feasible plan
 - Underserved populations will benefit

Arts Board Grant Programs

- Operating Support
- Creative Individuals
- Accessible Arts
- Arts Education
- Arts Experiences
- Cultural Expression

Arts Board	FY 2022-23	FY 2024-25
Applications reviewed	2,854	3,361
Grants awarded	2,083	1,940
Dollars requested	\$73,141,621	\$102,217,457
Dollars awarded	\$61,578,550	\$76,087,109





Regional Arts Councils

MINNESOTA'S REGIONAL ARTS COUNCILS

Region 1 - Northwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

Region 2 – Region 2 Arts Council

Counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen

Region 3 – Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

Counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Saint Louis

Region 4 – Lake Region Arts Council

Counties: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin

Region 5 – Five Wings Arts Council

Counties: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, Wadena

Region 6E/6W/8 – Southwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lac qui Parle, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, Yellow Medicine

Region 7E – East Central Regional Arts Council

Counties: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine

Region 7W - Central Minnesota Arts Board

Counties: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright

Region 9 – Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

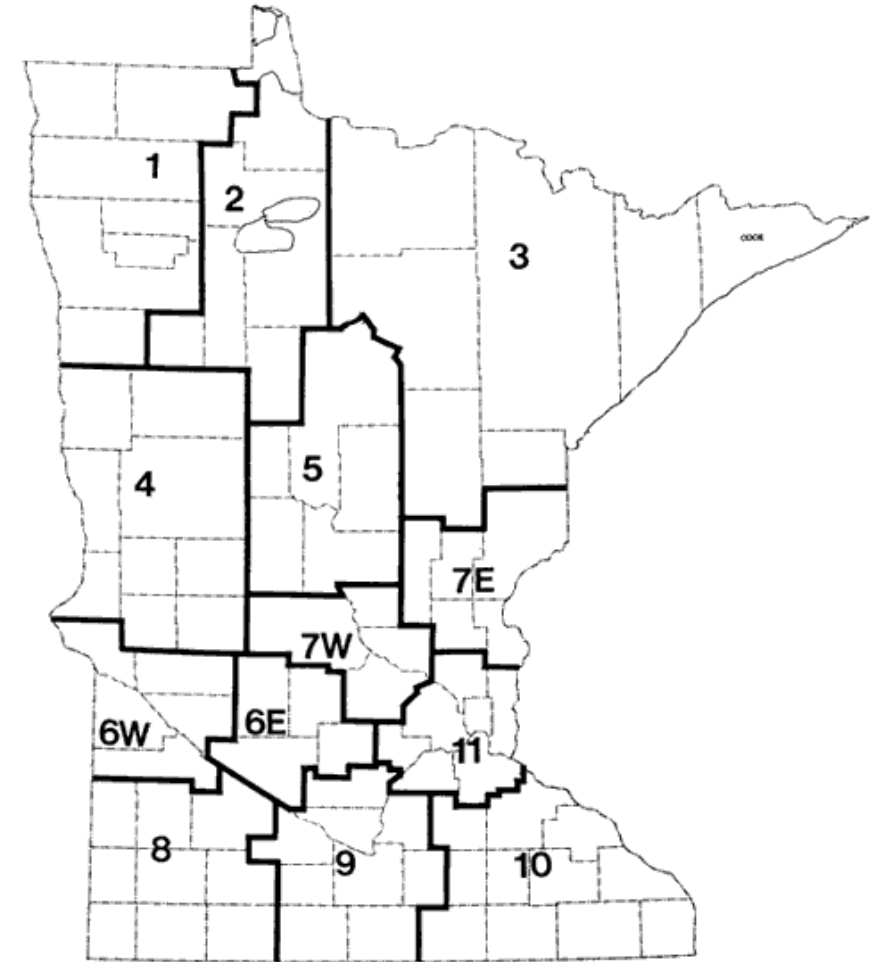
Counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan

Region 10 – Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council

Counties: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Mower, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Winona

Region 11 – Metropolitan Regional Arts Council

Counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington



Regional Arts Council System

Created in 1977. Councils receive state funds for local or regional arts development.



- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Local boards, local decision-making
- Needs assessments
- Biennial plans
- Programs and services tailored to the region
- Plans are reviewed in open, public meetings
- Reports and financial reconciliation

Grant Programs

- Grants for artists
- Project grants for organizations
- Operating support for organizations
- Arts education project grants
- Rural/small towns grants
- Scholarship/mentorship grants
- Public art grants



All Councils	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Applications reviewed	2,359	2,411	2,366
Grants awarded	1,616	1,610	1,641
Dollars requested	\$16,126,268	\$16,755,816	\$15,995,224
Dollars awarded	\$9,490,831	\$9,438,223	\$11,001,431



Services

- Professional development workshops
- Art exhibitions
- Artist / arts organization directories
- Newsletters
- Awards

By The Numbers

In the 2022-2023 biennium, the Arts Board and regional arts councils together...

7,624 — number of grant applications reviewed

5,309 — number of grants made

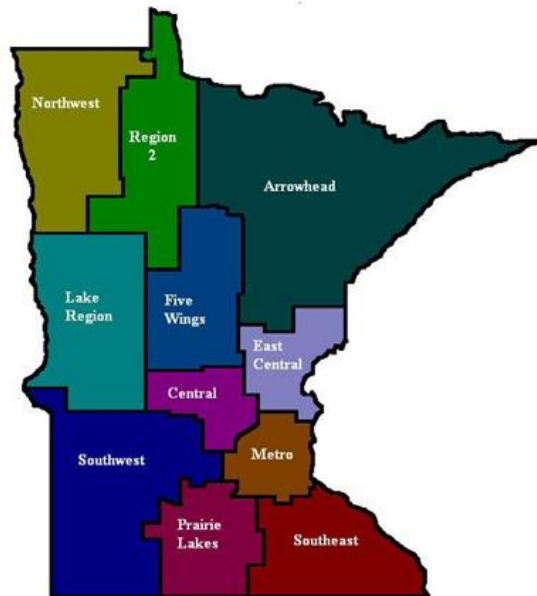
24,618,934 — number of people who participated in funded activities

4.3 million — number of participants under age 18





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