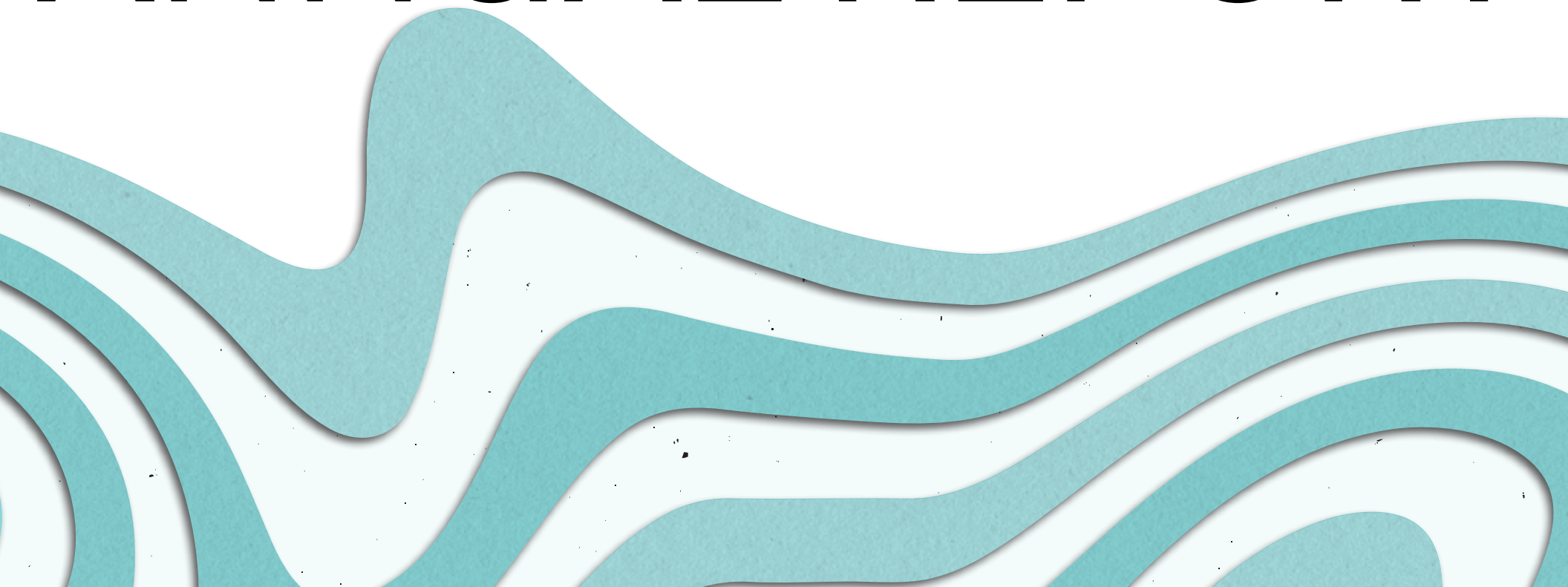


ARTS MIDWEST//  
//////////2021-2022  
ANNUAL REPORT





Torrie Allen,  
President & CEO



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For Arts Midwest, as for so many others, 2021 was a year of change.

Disruptions brought on by the pandemic continued to impact our communities and our programs. At Arts Midwest, we deepened our commitment to helping our region recover, disbursing more than \$3 million in direct relief aid to Midwest creative organizations on top of our normal granting initiatives. In November 2021, we welcomed a new Board Chair, and in March 2022, we moved into new offices in our hometown of Minneapolis.

In what was perhaps the biggest change of all, Arts Midwest, along with our five sister Regional Arts Organizations, received a historic gift from MacKenzie Scott in June of 2021. We were honored and grateful to be among the 286 recipients of Ms. Scott's generosity.

Throughout all of these changes, Arts Midwest has not wavered in our commitment to creativity in the Midwest and beyond. In the following pages, you'll read about key accomplishments from the past year: the grants we've awarded to bolster organizations across our region, the artist residencies we've produced that brought people together virtually and in person, and the stories we shared that highlight the creative work taking place in Midwestern communities.

Along the way, we've been supported by strong partners, donors, advisors, and constituents. They've shared their ideas, resources, and feedback to support us in advancing creativity. We are grateful to them, and we are grateful to you.



# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Across the Midwest, creative people and organizations are engaged in exciting and innovative work. Here are a few inspiring stories from the field that we published over the past year.

[artsmidwest.org/2021stories](https://artsmidwest.org/2021stories)

**Grand Forks, North Dakota**

**Connecting with New Americans through Art**

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**New York Mills, Minnesota**

**Song, Bread, Friendship: Exploring Finnish Heritage through Music**

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**Building Economic Prosperity and Community Vitality**

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**Detroit, Michigan**

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**Stevens Point, Wisconsin**

**Vibrant Murals Honor Public Spaces in Portage County**

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**A Creative Road Trip through Southern Illinois**

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**Jeffersonville, Indiana**

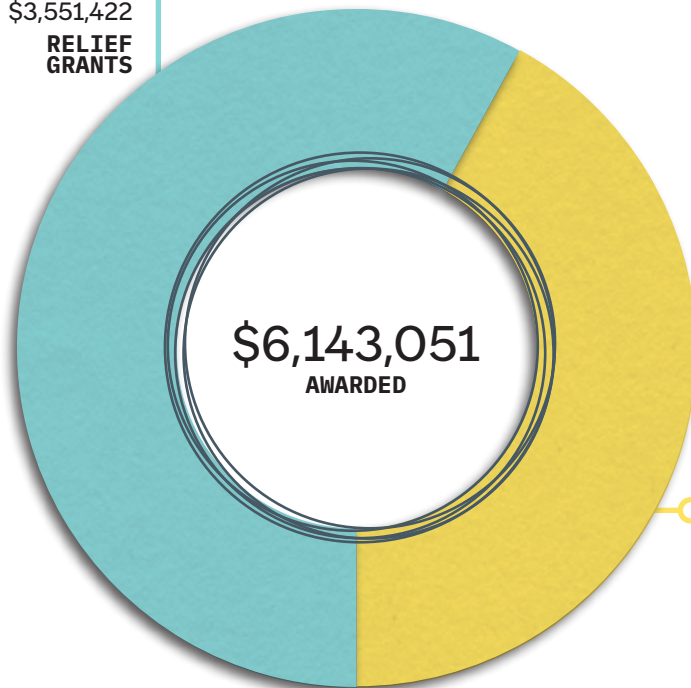
**Paths Don't Define Us: Shakespeare and Creative Healing at a Juvenile Detention Center**

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**58%**  
\$3,551,422  
RELIEF  
GRANTS



**42%**  
\$2,591,629  
PROJECT  
GRANTS

***Arts Midwest entered 2021 with a single, guiding goal: to support the creative sector to the very best of our ability as we collectively navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.***

As in 2020, we knew that one of the most important things we could do would be to provide financial support to organizations to help them continue their programming and operations. We launched the Grow, Invest, Gather (GIG) Fund, which offers flexible grants to organizations to hire touring artists and build community.

We also partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts and our nine state arts agency members to disburse recovery funds from the American Rescue Plan.

And understanding the toll the past two years have taken on creative workers, we worked with the Bush Foundation to distribute self-care and general operating grants to organizations participating in the Community Creativity Cohort.

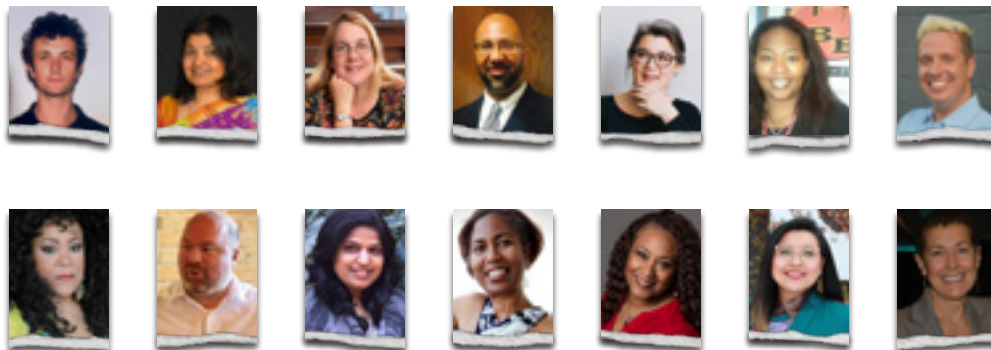


The dancers of "KOLADE-XCOPE." Photo by Sarah Sumbrum, courtesy of DANCECleveland.

***As the creative sector rebuilds from a devastating two years, we're prioritizing supporting the communities and organizations that have been hardest hit due to historic inequities—especially communities of color, Native communities, and rural communities.***

In partnership with advisors from across our region, we're reviewing applications, imagining new programs, and making changes to our grantmaking systems.

Thanks to their insight, we now have a new perspective on how our grant dollars are being distributed across our region. As a result, we have strengthened our connections and support to smaller, historically underserved organizations and communities.



GIG Fund Advisors

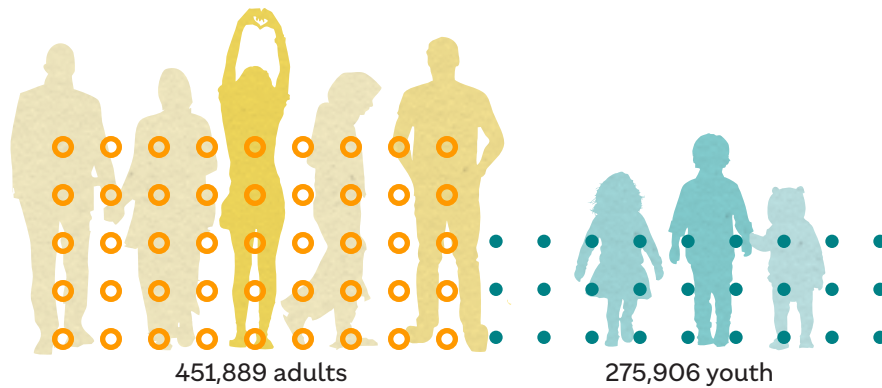
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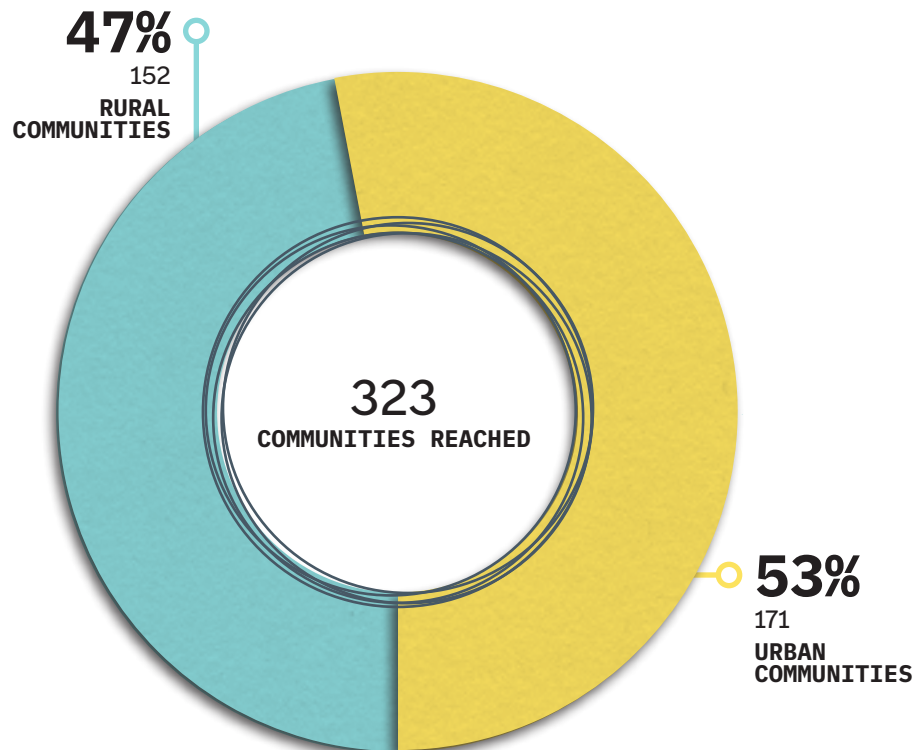
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Wisconsin Arts Board

Linda Batiste-Cohen (left) and her daughter and Woodland Sky Dance Company co-founder, Michelle Reed.  
Photo by Brenda Austin



**727,795**  
PARTICIPANTS IN  
ARTS MIDWEST PROGRAMS



***Even as many of our programs and gatherings stayed virtual, we experimented with new initiatives that gave audiences and artists the chance to come together.***

After delays due to the pandemic, communities in South Dakota, Iowa, and Indiana launched performing arts residencies through our We the Many program.

We presented a week of virtual and in-person engagements that paired the Finnish ensemble Kardemimmit with community members in New York Mills, Minnesota through our artist residency programs.

Through all these activities, we witnessed moments of creativity, cultural exchange, and understanding.

Our year, and all that we have accomplished together, has only affirmed for us the power of creativity in building community. This truth is at the root of all our work—both in 2021 and in the years to come.



Elementary students dance to the music of the Pine Travelers during the mobile concert in Green Lake, WI. Photo by Ric Damm Photography of Ripon, WI.



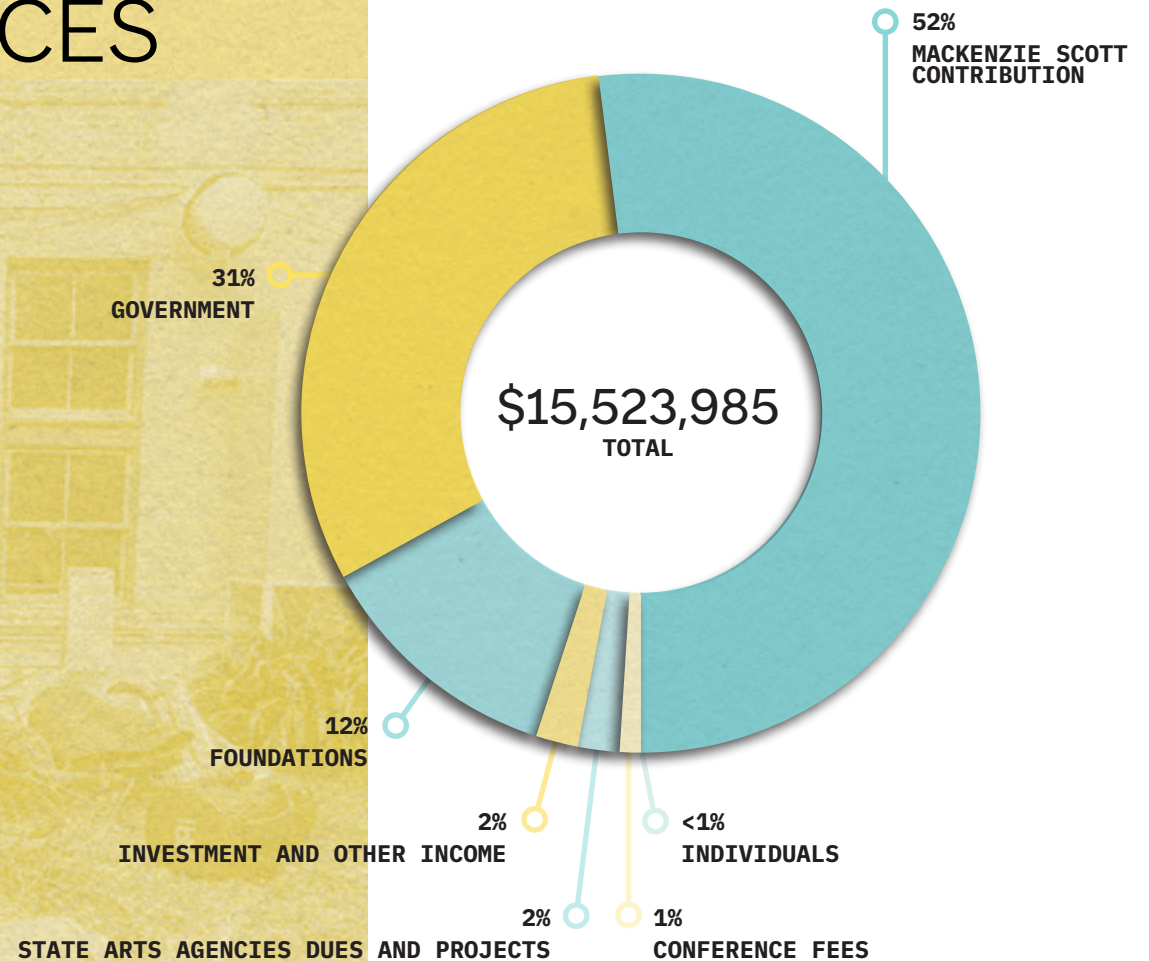
# ARTS MIDWEST //// FY21 FINANCIALS STATEMENT OF ////////// //////////////// ACTIVITIES

## ARTS MIDWEST STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES for year ended June 30, 2021

	FY21
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Foundation contributions	\$ 1,868,458
MacKenzie Scott contribution	8,000,000
Individual contributions	28,734
Government grants	4,815,252
Conference fees	210,030
State arts agencies dues and projects	291,024
Investment and other income	310,487
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>15,523,985</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Program Services	8,806,176
Management and general	479,112
Fundraising	193,857
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,479,145</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,044,840</b>

*Note: In June 2021, Arts Midwest received an unprecedented, unrestricted gift of \$8,000,000 from MacKenzie Scott. We will be allocating those funds to programs, innovation, and infrastructure over the next 5+ years. For more information about this gift, please visit [artsmidwest.org/historicgift](https://artsmidwest.org/historicgift).*

# ARTS MIDWEST //// FY21 FINANCIALS REVENUE SOURCES



Mr. Adeti, Titambe West African Dance Ensemble performer, guiding the crowd.  
Photo by Christine Serobyen, courtesy of African Arts Arena.



# ARTS MIDWEST //// **FY21 FINANCIALS** ////////// EXPENSES

93%  
PROGRAMMING

\$9,479,145  
TOTAL

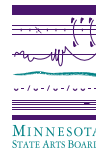
5%  
MANAGEMENT/GENERAL

2%  
FUNDRAISING

Mini Lesson at Gregory Daycare.  
Photo by Bailey Veskna, Prairie Feather Photography.

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## A LEGEND ASCENDS

Arts Midwest was saddened by the passing of Loann Crane on November 9, 2021. Loann was a dedicated member of Arts Midwest's Board of Directors, serving from 1994 until stepping down in 2019. During her 25 years on the Board, she was an enthusiastic and passionate supporter of Arts Midwest. Her commitment to the organization culminated in a leadership gift of \$250,000 to the David Fraher Fund for Innovation in 2019. We are so grateful to Loann for her service, her dedication, and her unwavering belief in the power of Midwestern Creativity.

***"Mom loved serving on the Arts Midwest Board. She so enjoyed traveling to Board meetings and felt enriched after every time together with the 'amazing Board,' as she described them. Mom loved learning, and through her Arts Midwest experience, she expanded her boundaries beyond Central Ohio."***

***—Tanny Crane, Loann's daughter***





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