



► FISCAL YEAR 2022

Return on Investment Report Illinois





I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your partnership with Arts Midwest this past year.

In fiscal year 2022, we worked on grants, programs, and other initiatives that have had a meaningful impact on Illinoisans. We've supported, informed, and celebrated the arts in Illinois—building community and opportunity across your state and the Midwest.

We dug into storytelling about Illinois, including pieces about incredible organizations like the [MdW Assembly](#) and creative [travel destinations](#) in Southern Illinois. We toured international artists through Carbondale as part of our World Fest program. We brought the Arts Midwest Board of Directors to Chicago for an in-person meeting. And we launched a new brand and website to best serve Illinoisans and connect them with our resources and services.

As you know well, creativity is a vital and essential aspect of Illinois' identity and economy. We're proud to support your efforts by strategically leveraging state investments to provide a positive return to Illinoisans. Together, we are building unprecedented opportunity across the Midwest by advancing creativity.

I look forward to continuing our work together in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Torrie Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Torrie Allen
President & CEO, Arts Midwest



Illinois At A Glance

FY22: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



51
Grants Awarded



44
Communities Reached



\$66,200
State Dues



\$318,716
Returned

381%
Return On Investment

See the last page of this report for a full breakdown of our FY22 investment in Illinois.



Movement Revolution Dance Crew performing at Oak Park's Unity Temple, supported by the GIG Fund. Photo courtesy of Unity Temple.

We invest time, funds, and resources in organizations that advance creativity in Illinois.

GIG Fund We distribute grants through the GIG Fund that support creative projects and educational events in the Midwest. These flexible funds help organizations present artists in their community by supporting programming and touring costs.	29 Organizations Supported	\$72,500 Awarded	8,873 Participants in Illinois
American Rescue Plan We partnered with our member state arts agencies to distribute funds from the American Rescue Plan to arts and culture organizations across our region. These grants provided general operating support to organizations to help them weather the COVID-19 crisis.	19 Organizations Supported	\$159,980 Awarded	
NEA Big Read We partner with the National Endowment for the Arts to deliver the Big Read. The Big Read provides grants to organizations that bring communities together to read and discuss a book.	2 Organizations Supported	\$31,800 Awarded	1,451 Participants in Illinois
Shakespeare in American Communities We partner with the National Endowment for the Arts to deliver Shakespeare in American Communities. Grants support performances of and workshops about Shakespeare's plays in schools, community centers, and the juvenile justice system.	1 Organizations Supported	\$25,000 Awarded	3,900 Participants in Illinois



TEN THOUSAND RIPPLES
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Participants in High Concept Labs' 2022 Learning Lab for disabled Chicagoan dance artists, supported by the GIG Fund. Photo courtesy of High Concept Labs.

We support convenings, community artist residencies, and resource sharing opportunities in Illinois.

<p>Ideas Hub</p> <p>The Ideas Hub is an online collection of free, curated articles and tools that help creative leaders foster growth within their organizations. Launched in February 2022, the Ideas Hub builds on our history of leadership development and training. Its goal is to simplify complex concepts in relatable ways, share real-life examples, and provide the framework to turn concepts into reality.</p>	<p>1,768 Users in Illinois</p>
<p>Filling the Well</p> <p>Filling the Well is a podcast created to nourish, provoke, and inspire artists and arts leaders. Over the course of five episodes in 2022, creative changemakers shared their takes on how to shift power dynamics, avoid burn-out, build authentic community, share resources, and advocate for support.</p>	<p>2,664 Listeners (total)</p>
<p>World Fest</p> <p>Through World Fest, we tour international musicians to Midwestern communities to foster an understanding of and appreciation for global uniqueness and differences. In spring 2022, Brazilian ensemble Paulo Padilha e Bando engaged with communities in Carbondale, Carterville, and Marion through a three-day in-person residency hosted by local partner Artspace304.</p>	<p>6 Live Events</p> <p>642 Participants</p>
<p>2021 Conference</p> <p>In response to the pandemic, we pivoted our 2021 Conference for the performing arts field to a virtual gathering. In 2022 and beyond, we are investing in new efforts to convene the performing arts industry, including the Ohio Arts Presenters Network Conference and the Midwest Arts Expo.</p>	<p>47 Illinois Participants</p>
<p>State Arts Agency Summits</p> <p>We hold semi-annual hybrid State Arts Agency Executive Director summit meetings and bimonthly video calls, which invite our members to discuss challenges and opportunities facing them, share ideas and resources, and consider future strategies for action.</p>	



An artist from Lightwire Theater shows a puppet to attendees at a free interactive STEAM Fair as part of a December 2021 GIG Fund event in University Park, Illinois. Photo courtesy of Governors State University.

FY22 Grants Awarded

Grant Opportunity	Organization	City	Congressional District	Grant Amount
American Rescue Plan	Mississippi Valley Blues Society	Moline	1	\$8,300
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Red Clay Dance Company	Chicago	1	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Village of Park Forest	Park Forest	2	\$8,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Facility Theatre	Chicago	3	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Enrich Chicago	Chicago	4	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Pilsen Arts & Community House	Chicago	4	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Woman Made Gallery	Chicago	4	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Riverside Arts Center	Riverside	4	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Constellation Performing Arts	Chicago	5	\$8,500
American Rescue Plan	Oakton Community College	Des Plaines	5	\$9,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Theatre Y	Chicago	5	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Links Hall	Chicago	5	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	7	\$8,500
American Rescue Plan	Columbia College Chicago	Chicago	7	\$8,500
American Rescue Plan	Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance	Chicago	7	\$8,500
American Rescue Plan	Guarneri Hall NFP	Chicago	7	\$7,500
American Rescue Plan	Hyde Park Jazz Festival	Chicago	7	\$8,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Deeply Rooted Dance Theater	Chicago	7	\$2,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	South Asia Institute	Chicago	7	\$2,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago	Chicago	7	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Alt Space Chicago	Chicago	7	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago	Chicago	7	\$2,500

Grant Opportunity	Organization	City	Congressional District	Grant Amount
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Unity Temple Restoration Foundation	Oak Park	7	\$2,500
NEA Big Read	Illinois Humanities	Chicago	7	\$20,000
Shakespeare in American Communities	Chicago Shakespeare Theater	Chicago	7	\$25,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Magura Cultural Center NFP	Arlington Heights	8	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Center for International Performance and Exhibition	Chicago	9	\$8,380
American Rescue Plan	Uptown United	Chicago	9	\$9,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	About Face Theatre	Chicago	9	\$2,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago	Skokie	9	\$2,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Center for Performing Arts	University Park	9	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	The Connecting Routes Project	Chicago	9	\$2,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods	Riverwoods	10	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Aurora University	Aurora	11	\$8,000
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Raue Center for the Arts	Crystal Lake	11	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	McKendree University	Lebanon	12	\$9,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Cedarhurst Center for the Arts	Mt. Vernon	12	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Cedarhurst Center for the Arts	Mt. Vernon	12	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Millikin University	Decatur	13	\$9,000
American Rescue Plan	Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University	Edwardsville	13	\$8,300
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center	Springfield	13	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	University of Illinois Japan House	Champaign	13	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Lewis University	Romeoville	14	\$7,500
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Egyptian Theatre	DeKalb	14	\$2,500

Grant Opportunity	Organization	City	Congressional District	Grant Amount
American Rescue Plan	Legacy Theater Foundation, Inc.	Carthage	15	\$8,500
American Rescue Plan	City of Paris	Paris	15	\$7,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	The Art Center	Quincy	15	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Galena Center for the Arts	Galena	16	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Princeton Theatre Group	Princeton	16	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center	Rockford	17	\$9,000
NEA Big Read	Galesburg Public Library	Galesburg	17	\$11,800
49 Organizations		27 Communities		\$286,780

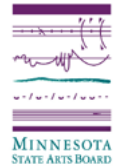
Arts Midwest leverages public and private dollars to bring services to our states.

Grants + Investments	GIG Fund	\$72,500
	American Rescue Plan	\$159,980
	NEA Big Read	\$31,800
	Shakespeare in American Communities	\$25,000
Programs + Services	World Fest	\$28,451
	State Arts Agency Summits	\$875
	2021 Conference	\$110 Cost of admission to the Conference for Illinois Arts Council Agency staff
Total services and grants		\$318,716
FY22 State Dues		\$66,200
Services and grants in excess of dues		\$252,516
Return on Investment		381%

National Endowment for the Arts



State Arts Agencies



Foundations, Corporations, and Other Government Funders



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If you have questions about the information in this report, or if you would like more information about Arts Midwest's programs and services, please contact:

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Cover: Students from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's Japanese boat-building class, supported by the GIG Fund, ride across the Japan House pond. Photo by Fred Zwicky.