



► FISCAL YEAR 2022

Return on Investment Report North Dakota



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 North Dakotans. We've supported, informed, and celebrated the arts in North Dakota—building community and opportunity across your state and the Midwest.

We dug into storytelling about North Dakota, including pieces about the [Sitting Bull Visitor Center](#) and the [Lakota Song Repatriation Project](#). I toured North Dakota and got to meet with creative leaders and constituents living in large and small communities throughout the state. We convened the staff of our nine partner State Arts Agencies at summits to encourage connection and conversation. And we launched a new brand and website to best serve North Dakotans and connect them with our resources and services.

As you know well, creativity is a vital and essential aspect of North Dakota's identity and economy. We're proud to support your efforts by strategically leveraging state investments to provide a positive return to North Dakotans. 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, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Torrie Allen
President & CEO, Arts Midwest



North Dakota At A Glance

FY22: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



10,720
Participants



48
Grants Awarded



15
Communities Reached



\$14,912
State Dues



\$320,204
Returned

2,047%
Return On Investment

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



Artist and veteran Zac Lee displaying his work at the Arts For Vets show in Grand Forks, supported by the GIG Fund. Photo courtesy of Arts for Vets.

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

<h3>GIG Fund</h3> <p>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.</p>	8 Organizations Supported	\$20,000 Awarded	9,888 Participants in North Dakota
<h3>American Rescue Plan</h3> <p>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.</p>	29 Organizations Supported	\$136,430 Awarded	
<h3>NEA Big Read</h3> <p>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.</p>	1 Organization Supported	\$20,000 Awarded	814 Participants in North Dakota
<h3>Community Creativity Cohort 2</h3> <p>We partnered with the Bush Foundation to provide support to organizations in the Community Creativity Cohort 2 (CCC2), a participant-led, capacity building program to support organizations that make art and culture central to problem solving. Organizations benefited from general operating grants, access to capacity building, storytelling support, and gathering opportunities.</p>	5 Organizations Supported	\$128,399 Awarded	
<h3>Arts + Economic Prosperity Report</h3> <p>We provided support for the AFTA Arts + Economic Prosperity Report, a study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry's impact on the economy. The report documents the economic contributions of the arts in North Dakota.</p>	5 Organizations Supported	\$14,500 Awarded	



Jennifer Martel, Sitting Bull College Visitor Center Coordinator, leads an ethnobotany walk focused on Lakota relationships with plant relatives at a Community Creativity Cohort 2 retreat. Photo by Nedahness Greene.

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

<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>212 Users in North Dakota</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>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>5 North Dakota 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>	



Musicians in rehearsal with the Bismarck State College choirs for *Come Away to the Skies : a High, Lonesome Bluegrass Mass* in Bismarck, supported by the GIG Fund. Photo courtesy of Dakota Pro Musica.

FY22 Grants Awarded

Grant Opportunity	Organization	City	Grant Amount
American Rescue Plan	Red River Watercolor Society	Barnesville	\$5,000
Community Creativity Cohort	Turtle Mountain Indian Historical Society	Belcourt	\$27,750
American Rescue Plan	BisMan Writers Guild	Bismarck	\$2,000
American Rescue Plan	Bismarck Art and Galleries Association	Bismarck	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Dakota Media Access	Bismarck	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	Dakota Pro Musica	Bismarck	\$6,415
American Rescue Plan	Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra	Bismarck	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	North Dakota's Gateway to Science	Bismarck	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	River Rhapsody Chapter of Sweet Adelines International	Bismarck	\$2,000
American Rescue Plan	Sleepy Hollow Summer Theatre	Bismarck	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	United Tribes Technical College	Bismarck	\$5,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Sleepy Hollow Theatre & Arts Park	Bismarck	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Dakota Pro Musica	Bismarck	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Northern Plains Dance	Bismarck	\$2,500
Arts + Economic Prosperity Report	Dakota West Arts Council	Bismarck	\$3,000
Arts + Economic Prosperity Report	North Dakota Council on the Arts	Bismarck	\$1,000
Community Creativity Cohort	The Arc of Dickinson, Inc.	Dickinson	\$27,750
American Rescue Plan	Fargo Moorhead Ballet	Fargo	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	Fargo-Moorhead Orchestral	Fargo	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	North Dakota Art Education Association	Fargo	\$4,062
American Rescue Plan	The Learning Bank	Fargo	\$3,500
Arts + Economic Prosperity Report	The Arts Partnership of the Red River Valley	Fargo	\$4,500

Grant Opportunity	Organization	City	Grant Amount
Community Creativity Cohort	Fargo-Moorhead Crossroads	Fargo	\$27,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Plains Art Museum	Fargo	\$2,500
NEA Big Read	Spirit Room	Fargo	\$20,000
Community Creativity Cohort	Sitting Bull College	Fort Yates	\$27,750
American Rescue Plan	African Arts Arena	Grand Forks	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Artwise	Grand Forks	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Grand Cities Children's Choir	Grand Forks	\$12,953
American Rescue Plan	North Dakota Museum of Art	Grand Forks	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Northern Valley Youth Orchestras	Grand Forks	\$4,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Arts for Vets	Grand Forks	\$2,500
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Empire Arts Center	Grand Forks	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Bluegrass Association of North Dakota	Jamestown	\$5,000
American Rescue Plan	Jamestown Choralaires	Jamestown	\$3,500
Community Creativity Cohort	Jamestown Fine Arts Association	Jamestown	\$18,149
Arts + Economic Prosperity Report	Jamestown Fine Arts Association	Jamestown	\$3,000
American Rescue Plan	Lillian and Coleman Taube Museum of Art	Minot	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	Minot Area Council of the Arts	Minot	\$6,000
American Rescue Plan	Mouse River Players	Minot	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	North Dakota Art Gallery Association	Minot	\$2,500
Arts + Economic Prosperity Report	Minot Area Council of the Arts	Minot	\$3,000
American Rescue Plan	Shepherd Industries, LLC	Nome	\$3,500
American Rescue Plan	Village Arts, Inc.	Rugby	\$8,500

Grant Opportunity	Organization	City	Grant Amount
GIG Fund Spring 2022	Prairie Village Museum	Rugby	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Bridges Arts Council	Valley City	\$4,000
GIG Fund Fall 2021	Bridges Arts Council	Valley City	\$2,500
American Rescue Plan	Red Door Art Gallery and Museum	Wahpeton	\$4,000

46 Organizations 16 Communities \$319,329

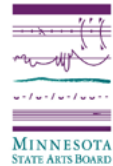
Arts Midwest leverages public and private dollars to bring services to our states.

Grants + Investments	GIG Fund	\$20,000
	American Rescue Plan	\$136,430
	NEA Big Read	\$20,000
	Community Creativity Cohort 2	\$128,399
	Arts + Economic Prosperity Report	\$14,500
Programs + Services	State Arts Agency Summits	\$875
	2021 Conference	\$200 Cost of admission to the Conference for North Dakota Council on the Arts staff
Total services and grants		\$320,204
FY22 State Dues		\$14,912
Services and grants in excess of dues		\$305,292
Return on Investment		2,047%

National Endowment for the Arts



State Arts Agencies



Foundations, Corporations, and Other Government Funders



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Thank You

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: Jessie Veeder performing at the historic City Park Bandshell in Valley City, supported by the GIG Fund.
Photo by George Dutton.