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2018 **GRANTS**

32 arts and culture nonprofits received a grand total of \$1,108,229, helping them to reach 1,073,887 residents and visitors across Fort Worth - including 492,073 youth, These organizations provided jobs for nearly 3,000 artists and engaged nearly as many community volunteers.

In 2018, the Arts Council managed four grant programs. Three of these were largely subsidized by the City of Fort Worth, with additional support from private donors:

Operating Support grants that support all operational expenditures, Neighborhood Arts Program grants for arts education outreach initiatives, and Mini-Grants that allow organizations to acquire the tools and training they need to grow.

We also awarded Fort Worth Tourism Public Improvement District Grant grants in partnership with Visit Fort Worth. These funds support marketing efforts that extend beyond Fort Worth, drawing new visitors from throughout the state and across the country.



On June 6, 2018, the Arts Council hosted over 40 representatives from arts nonprofits, as CNM-Connect (formerly the Center for Nonprofit Management) provided in depth training on program evaluation. Participants learned how to effectively set measurable goals, interpret data and communicate findings.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

In 2015 the Arts Council of Fort Worth partnered with Americans for the Arts to administer the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study for Fort Worth, as part of a national examination of the economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences on local and national economies.

Arts Council of Fort Worth grantees made up a large portion of the sample that revealed this industry made a \$450,630,818 into the economy, with over \$26 million of that returning to our local government. This industry also supported 14,480 full-time equivalent jobs and generated an average of \$55.78 in additional spending per out-of-town attendee.

Financial support, such as grants from the Arts Council and contributions from individual donors fills our city with great art while making our economy even stronger.

2018 **GRANTEES**

Amon Carter Museum of American Art Amphibian **Stage Productions** Arts Fifth Avenue **Ballet Concerto Ballet Frontier of Texas** Casa Mañana **Circle Theatre** Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Fort Worth Classic Guitar Society Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Fort Worth Opera Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Fort Worth Youth Orchestra Gold Tone Senior Citizen Choir **Imagination Fort Worth Kids Who Care Kimbell Art Museum** Lone Star Film Society Metro Performance Resources Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum **Performing Arts Fort Worth PianoTexas International Academy & Festival Q** Cinema SiNaCa Studios Stage West Theatre **Texas Academy of Figurative Art Texas Ballet Theater Texas Winds Musical Outreach** Thank You Darlin' Foundation The Cliburn **Trinity Shakespeare Festival**

PUBLIC ART

"Public art helps to define Fort Worth's Character as a vibrant and sustainable 21st Century city by celebrating its storied history, contributing to its iconic destinations, shaping its distinct neighborhoods, and honoring its close connection to nature."

-Fort Worth Master Plan Update

In Fiscal Year 2018, Public Art staff managed 47 ongoing and new projects totaling over \$9.7 million.

This year, three works were added to the City of Fort Worth's Public Art Collection:

- Art Garcia, *Zarape*, Victory Forest Community Center
- Beliz Brother, *As One*, Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex
- Gregory Beck, *Pieces of Yesterday, Today* & *Tomorrow*, E. Division Police Station

On October 17, 2017 City Council adopted the *Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update.* Public Art staff has since begun implementation of several goals outlined in the document. These include streamlining the project process, hosting an artist training workshop, increasing project opportunities for local artists, and identifying and planning the City's first lconic Artwork at Pioneer Tower in the Cultural District.

Trinity Metro has recently partnered with the Arts Council to assist in the artist selection for public art at the new TexRail Stations.



COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER hig

The Fort Worth Community Arts Center had another exciting year filled with constant activity!

73,686 visitors experienced visual art, live performances, and educational programs.

The galleries featured over 800 artists, through juried exhibitions and open calls. Member groups like the Arts Center's own Texas Artist Coalition, art collectives like the Arts Center's current resident collective Art Tooth, individual artists, and public and private school students all displayed works of art in countless mediums for at least a month at a time. Many of them enjoyed meeting local arts enthusiasts during our gallery opening nights, the first Friday of each month.

The Community Arts Center is also currently home to nine nonprofit art organizations and has three active art studios. The Hardy and Betty Sanders Theater and W.E. Scott Theater, were used by 54 different groups. Audiences enjoyed local high school productions, ballet performances, live bands, marketing conferences, children's theater, and much more. For a third year, the Community Arts Center partnered with Texas Nonprofit Theatres to present Fort Worth's one and only fringe festival.

This year, the Community Arts Center hosted the second annual Art Aid Expo 2018 for artists and arts organizations. Demonstrations and seminars in the Arts Center's 9,000 square feet of contemporary galleries highlighted the diverse support services available. Featured organizations and professionals presented their expertise through a variety of workshops and seminars helping artists to learn how to sustain a living in the arts.



CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

On February 24, 2018, the Arts Center shut off the lights for an immersive, art-in-the-dark experience, that featured 14 different visual and performing art groups in an event that raised funds and awareness for the Fort Worth Community Arts Center.

2018 EVENTS

Sixth Annual Heart of Gold Awards Luncheon

The Arts Council of Fort Worth introduced the Heart of Gold Awards as an instrument for recognizing the outstanding contributions of local individuals and institutions to the arts in Fort Worth.

This year, we were pleased to honor Deborah Jung, founder and executive director of Kids Who Care, as the 2018 Heart of Gold recipient and Paul Paine, retired president of Near Southside Inc., as the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts recipient. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have such dedicated leaders ensuring that Fort Worth is an inclusive and vibrant place to live and work for current and future generations.



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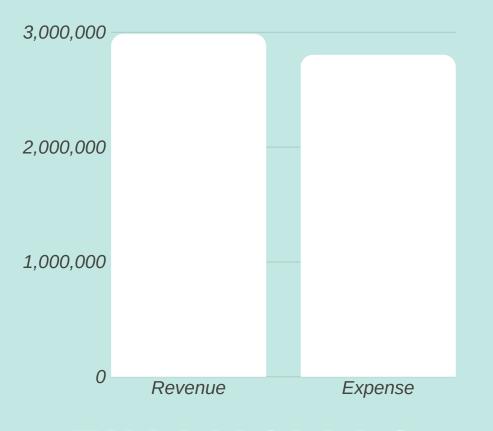
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Unaudited records show that the Arts Council and Arts Center collectively completed the fiscal year with a small surplus, which will support programming in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

FINANCIALS

for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2017

Financial statements for the Arts Council's 2017-2018 fiscal year are currently being audited by an outside firm. We will update the website with the most current financial statements in early 2019.

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The 2016-2017 audited financial statements are available at www.artsfortworth.org/reports.



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