



MID-AMERICA ARTS ALLIANCE

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY THROUGH ART

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Mid-America Arts Alliance Awards \$1.1 Million in American Rescue Plan Grants

Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA) has awarded fifty arts and culture organizations in its region \$1,104,600 to support critical, day-to-day operating costs. The grants were made possible through funding M-AAA received from the National Endowment for the Arts through their allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). M-AAA awarded grants, ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000, to small arts and culture organizations with annual budgets in 2020 of no more than \$500,000. .

“Osage Ballet is thankful for Mid-America Arts Alliance and their generous support,” says Randy Tinker Smith, *Wahzhazhe* Ballet Director. “We currently have 77 students in our ballet school located on the Osage Nation Reservation. The funding will enable us to continue high quality dance instruction in our rural community, as well as a yearly Spring Performance and The Nutcracker Ballet in December. Many of our students had to leave because of COVID/Pandemic issues. We are looking forward to rebuilding our program and the opportunities our children have ahead of them.”

Todd Stein, President and CEO of M-AAA, said, “The impacts of COVID-19 on the arts and creative sector have been tremendous. We are thankful to share these funds from the National Endowment for the Arts’ allocation from the American Rescue Plan with arts organizations to assist in their recovery from the ongoing pandemic.”

M-AAA’s ARP grantmaking of \$1,104,600 follows earlier pandemic relief of \$591,900, also provided through our partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. In

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total, M-AAA has provided \$6 million in relief funding to artists and arts organizations throughout its six-state region during the pandemic.

Arkansas Recipients

[Arkansans for the Arts](#), Little Rock, AR: \$11,150

[Calico Rock Museum & Visitors Center](#), Calico Rock, AR: \$40,000

[Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance](#), Hot Springs, AR: \$10,000

[Open Mouth Reading Series](#), Fayetteville, AR: \$10,000

[Ra-Ve Cultural Foundation](#), Bentonville, AR: \$20,000

[Voice of Arkansas Minority Advocacy Council](#), Jonesboro, AR: \$20,000

Kansas Recipients

[Arts Council of Johnson County](#), Overland Park, KS: \$40,000

[Harvester Arts](#), Wichita, KS: \$20,000

[Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education](#), Salina, KS: \$10,000

[Lawrence Children's Choir](#), Lawrence, KS: \$20,000

[Manhattan Arts Center](#), Manhattan, KS: \$20,000

Missouri Recipients

[Arts Asylum](#), Kansas City, MO: \$10,000

[Black Archives of Mid-America](#), Kansas City, MO: \$40,000

[Black Repertory Theatre of Kansas City](#), Kansas City, MO: \$20,000

[Bootheel Youth Museum](#), Malden, MO: \$40,000

[Dances of India](#), St. Louis, MO: \$10,000

[Intercultural Music Initiative](#), St. Louis, MO: \$40,000

[Missouri Alliance for Arts Education](#), Maryland Heights, MO: \$21,150

[No Divide KC](#), Kansas City, MO: \$20,000

Nebraska Recipients

[Benson First Friday](#), Omaha, NE: \$40,000

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[Blue River Arts Council](#), Crete, NE: \$10,000
[Circle Theatre](#), Omaha, NE: \$20,000
[El Museo Latino](#), Omaha, NE: \$40,000
[BLIXT Locally Grown](#), Lincoln, NE: \$20,000
[Nebraskans for the Arts](#), Omaha, NE: \$11,150
[Nebraska Writers Collective](#), Omaha, NE: \$40,000
[Prairie Arts Center/Creativity Unlimited Arts Council](#), North Platte, NE: \$20,000
[West Nebraska Arts Center](#), Scottsbluff, NE: \$10,000
[Why Arts](#), Omaha, NE: \$20,000

Oklahoma Recipients

[Osage Ballet](#), Skiatook, OK: \$10,000
[Black Liberated Arts Center](#), Oklahoma City, OK: \$40,000
[Choregus Productions](#), Tulsa, OK: \$40,000
[David-Waldorf Performing Arts Series at the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma](#), Chickasha, OK: \$20,000
[Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art](#), Shawnee, OK: \$20,000
[Oklahomans for the Arts](#), Oklahoma City, OK: \$40,000

Texas Recipients

[Capitol View Arts](#), Austin, TX: \$20,000
[Community Artists Collective](#), Houston, TX: \$20,000
[Community Music Center of Houston](#), Houston, TX: \$40,000
[East Lubbock Art House](#), Lubbock, TX: \$10,000
[Flatlands Dance Theater](#), Lubbock, TX: \$10,000
[Harris County Cultural Arts Council](#), Houston, TX: \$20,000
[India Fine Arts](#), Austin, TX: \$20,000
[Make Art with Purpose](#), Dallas, TX: \$10,000
[Museum of Human Achievement](#), Austin, TX: \$40,000
[Pegasus Media Project](#), Dallas, TX: \$20,000
[Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance](#), Austin, TX: \$20,000

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[Texans for the Arts](#), Austin, TX: \$11,150

[TILT](#), Austin, TX: \$10,000

[Trucha](#), McAllen, TX: \$20,000

[USA Film Festival](#), Dallas, TX: \$10,000

About Mid-America Arts Alliance

Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA) strengthens and supports artists, cultural organizations, and communities throughout our region and beyond. We believe in more art for more people. Additional information about M-AAA is available at www.maaa.org.

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