

Using Arts and Culture to Build a Vibrant, Healthy, and Equitable Commonwealth

MASSCreative is building a more vibrant, healthy, and equitable Massachusetts by advocating for the resources necessary for artists, cultural leaders, and the broader creative community to thrive.

Build livable, healthy, and vibrant communities animated by arts, culture, and creativity.

- Advocate for \$16 million in funding for the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the FY18 budget.
- Support municipal initiatives for dedicated arts funding.
- Advocate for \$155 million in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in the federal FY18 budget.
- Promote creative placemaking initiatives that integrate art and design into public spaces by supporting the Massachusetts Public Art Program (MPAP) bill.
- Maintain, repair, and build cultural spaces for artists to create, rehearse, and perform through continuing \$10 million in capital funding for the Cultural Facilities Fund.
- Utilize the full capacity of the arts sector to support vulnerable populations and address community needs by building partnerships with government agencies and community organizations working to provide services for youth and the elderly in need, and support safe communities for all residents.

Support a dynamic economy empowered by working artists, creative workers, and the non-profit arts community.

- Support professional development for working artists by increasing state and municipal workforce development funding and support for artists.
- Encourage cross-sector partnerships between artists and Community Development Corporations.

Support an education system that educates the whole child, including sequential arts education for all.

- Advocate for strong arts education indicators in the Commonwealth's new education accountability system under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Improve education programs for all students, by using arts education to meet the goals of Title I, II, and IV to ensure that all children have a fair and equal opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.
- Expand arts education opportunities for youth, by advocating for support and funding for both in- and out-of-school arts programs.

Advocate for the broad, inclusive, and equitable distribution of resources to working artists and arts and cultural institutions.

- Advocate for increased racial and ethnic participation, inclusion, and representation in arts and cultural institutions.
- Support equal access to opportunities for working artists and arts and cultural organizations to present, promote, and fund their work.
- Partner with community organizations and advocacy groups advocating for racial and ethnic equity throughout the Commonwealth.