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ArtsWave announces steady funding for supported arts organizations thanks to a successful 2024 Campaign

This past Friday, the Board of Trustees for ArtsWave approved \$8,845,540 in grant expenditures from its recent 2024 Community Campaign. The expenditure will extend existing operating support for 47 local arts organizations through Sustaining Impact grants.

Sustaining Impact grants are ArtsWave's largest grant investment, ensuring stability for the region's arts and culture organizations while helping to drive the overall strength of the region. ArtsWave's Board weighed community impact, governance and financial stability against a funding model determined by the 2024 ArtsWave Campaign. With the success of that Campaign — the largest in the organization's nearly 100-year history — ArtsWave was able to maintain Sustaining Impact support at the same level as the previous year. Other campaign grants will be announced in the months ahead.

These grants comprise the second year of a three-year cycle based on ArtsWave's "Blueprint for Collective Action for the Arts Sector," which aims to create a more vibrant and connected community through the arts. ArtsWave also uses its "Lifting As We Learn" DEIA plan to build and nurture an environment where diversity, equity, inclusion and access are embedded at every level of the local arts sector.

A 36-member community volunteer panel, representing ArtsWave's business, civic and community groups, including a diverse cross-section of individuals (69% female and 28% BIPOC), was involved in the grant evaluation process. Sustaining impact grant investments are renewable for an additional year based on organizational performance as defined by interim reports as well as the results of each year's ArtsWave Community Campaign.

2024 ArtsWave Campaign co-chair Jon Moeller, CEO of P&G, notes, "These investments in the arts are integral to making the region a compelling location for employees and visitors." 2024 Campaign co-chair Lisa Sauer, retired P&G executive, thanked the Campaign Cabinet, noting, "From across the business and philanthropic community, we came together to ensure our region could attract and retain the best talent, connect through shared experiences, and fuel creativity and learning through the arts."

The recently approved Sustaining Impact grants are a cornerstone of ArtsWave's support for the region's arts. Additional project grants will be announced throughout the year. ArtsWave president & CEO Alecia Kintner underscored the return on the region's investment in the arts: "For every \$1 invested through the ArtsWave Community Campaign, our arts partners generate nearly \$43 in economic value for greater Cincinnati. "

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About ArtsWave

ArtsWave, the local nonprofit arts agency serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region, is the engine for the arts. Its roots stem back to the late 1920s when the Cincinnati Taft family provided initial investment matched by community support. In the late 1940s, it established the first United Arts Fund in the nation and, in the mid-1970s, the first organization to initiate workplace giving for the arts. ArtsWave continues to innovate while leading, as illustrated by its No. 1 rank nationally in community arts fundraising, coordination of a sector-wide Blueprint for Collective Action, piloting of new technologies to maximize arts engagement and development of resources for the arts. Each year, ArtsWave raises millions of dollars from tens of thousands of donors — corporations, employees, foundations, residents and others — to support more than 150 arts organizations, projects and artists. This year, ArtsWave raised a record \$12.5 million through its yearly campaign from individuals, businesses and foundations to further the region's strategic growth goals. Donations can be made at artswave.org/give.

ArtsWave Sustaining Impact Grant Awards

These grants represent the second year of a three-year cycle based on ArtsWave's 10-year strategy, "[The Blueprint for Collective Action](#)," to create a more vibrant and connected community through the arts as well as its "[Lifting As We Learn](#)," DEIA plan that aims to build and nurture an environment where diversity, equity, inclusion and access are embedded in everything ArtsWave does.

Large Regional Organizations

Organization Name	Awarded
ArtWorks	\$173,000
The Carnegie	\$78,000
The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati	\$232,100
Cincinnati Art Museum	\$1,260,000
Cincinnati Ballet	\$805,000
Cincinnati Landmark Productions	\$101,440
Cincinnati May Festival	\$217,900
Cincinnati Opera	\$683,850
Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park	\$1,055,000
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company	\$186,200
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra	\$2,300,000
Contemporary Arts Center	\$285,600
Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati	\$154,400
Fitton Center for Creative Arts	\$84,000
Price Hill Will	\$55,000
Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum	\$39,000
Taft Museum of Art	\$269,000

Mid-Size Organizations

Organization Name	Awarded
Behringer-Crawford Museum	\$29,500
Bi-Okoto	\$36,000
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra	\$40,783
Cincinnati Youth Choir	\$46,000
Clifton Cultural Arts Center	\$35,800
Elementz	\$55,000
Kennedy Heights Arts Center	\$43,800
Kentucky Symphony Orchestra	\$40,050
Know Theatre of Cincinnati	\$38,732

Learning Through Art, Inc.	\$46,000
Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival	\$20,917
Oxford Community Arts Center	\$23,700
Visionaries + Voices	\$47,100
Wave Pool	\$50,000
Wyoming Fine Arts Center	\$37,000

Small Organizations

Organization Name	Awarded
A Mindful Moment/The Well	\$13,000
American Legacy Theatre	\$10,000
ArtsConnect	\$17,400
Cincinnati Boychoir	\$53,600
Cincinnati Men's Chorus	\$10,000
Linton Chamber Music	\$23,100
MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir	\$10,000
Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Centers	\$40,000
My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus	\$15,000
NrityArpana School of Performing Arts	\$3,000
Pones	\$10,000
PAR-Projects	\$30,000
Queen City Opera	\$10,000
Vocal Arts Ensemble	\$19,568
Young Professionals Choral Collective	\$11,000
Total	\$8,845,540