STATE OF CT ARPA FUND

The Governor has proposed in his budget recommendations for the State of CT's American Rescue Plan federal funds. Included in the Governor's recommendations is:

Support to Arts and Cultural Organizations
The Governor recommends allocating $6.375 million in FY 2022 to help arts and other entertainment organizations that have experienced economic dislocation during the pandemic. Connecticut values its cultural and arts institutions and this funding will act as a support for those institutions which represent their communities.

While the arts community appreciates this support for arts and culture, the proposed allocation is not sufficient to address the need.

The CT Arts Alliance recommends increasing this allocation to $26.5 million—1% of the State's ARP funds—to help arts and cultural nonprofits that have experienced economic hardship during the pandemic.

- Vibrant, thriving nonprofit arts and culture organizations DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE RECOVERY OF RESTAURANTS, LODGING, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRIES
- Outdoor arts events this summer and fall are VITAL FOR REVIVING DOWNTOWNS, RESTORING JOBS, AND RENEWING OUR SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
- Access to creative activities IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH AND STUDENTS' EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES
- Arts & culture are STILL SUFFERING ECONOMIC LOSSES and not able to fully restore their operations due to lack of consumer confidence.
- Organizations may not be able to survive and are STILL AT RISK OF PERMANENT CLOSURE without state assistance

CT MUNICIPAL ARPA FUNDS

The American Rescue Plan is sending funding directly to Connecticut towns for their leadership to use in ways that work best for their circumstances.

We continue to ask towns to commit 1% for the arts, and either grant funds directly to the creative community or team up with a regional arts council or community foundation to distribute.