



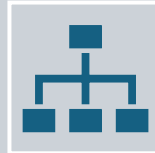
Arts in
Lackawanna County
Homeland of the Lenape
(Delaware)

Nulelìntàmuhëna èli paèkw!

Welcome! We are glad you came!

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WE LOVE AND SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE
IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY! WE ARE THE ONLY
COUNTY IN PENNSYLVANIA TO HAVE A
DEDICATED FUND FOR ARTS AND CULTURE
ACTIVITIES. INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A
2025 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT? CONTACT
THE ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AT
570-496-1724 OR ARTS-
CULTURE@LACKAWANNACOUNTY.ORG.



Department Was established in 2005.
Received the NACo & Americans for the
Arts Leadership Award in 2006.



In 2025 we received a budget increase
to a millage and a quarter increasing
the budget to approx. \$1.7 million

ART



Lackawanna
County

Commissioners
Bill Gaughan • Matt McGloin • Chris Chermak

2026 Awards

- Over \$900,000 awarded to organizations, municipalities and artists



Community Project Grants

Up to \$3,000 for individuals, organizations and municipalities

Non-Profit Operational Grants

New Applicants up to \$5,000

Recurring applicants percentage of previous grants

ARTS Engage! Special Project Funding

Case by Case Basis-amounts vary must align with mission



Art in the Park Program at County Parks





The Community Intervention Center

Reframe What Art Is

- Utilize language that gets beyond concepts of “High Art” to broader view of culture, creativity and the arts. Discuss things like heritage, Festivals, entrepreneurship, small business “Main St.” community events
- Help people understand the broader ecology of the arts through data, storytelling-Arts to drive economic and community development, work force development, education, mental health
- Host convenings with people from different sectors to talk about how art intersects with the work of county government
- Talk about the importance and value of paying for art-we don’t ask lawyers or plumbers to do work for free all of the time

Build Allies

- Encourage Artists to be advocates and get civically engaged
- Put artists and art leaders on your boards and authorities
- Work with organizations, people, groups not just in the art sector
- Start committees to work on incorporating arts into different facets of county government

If Just Starting Out

“Pilot” things-smaller investments to test it out, create partnerships, engage community

If Sustaining Successful programs

Collect data, encourage community feedback, expand partnerships, look to revenue streams

Funding Through Collaborations-Artists & Organizations

Upcycled clothing & Cardboard Key



City of Scranton Recycling Education



RePurposed Fashion Show

@ Scranton lace

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

\$1500+ -DESIGNER

6 TICKETS TO EVENT

BILLBOARD LOGO, PRINT, SOCIAL MEDIA,
PREMIERE SIGNAGE,

SPACE AT EVENT, SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY,
PREMIER SEATING

6 TICKETS TO EVENT

\$750 -MODEL

4 TICKETS

BILLBOARD, RADIO, PRINT, SOCIAL MEDIA
INFORMATIONAL DISPLAY, SIGNAGE AT EVENT

NAME ANNOUNCEMENT DURING EVENT

\$300 -A LISTER

2 TICKETS

PRINT, SOCIAL MEDIA, SIGNAGE AT EVENT
NAME ANNOUNCEMENT DURING EVENT

2 TICKETS



Everhart Museum



Lackawanna
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Proceeds Benefit Everhart Museum of Natural Science, History and Art & Swap Scranton

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Potential Partner Agencies

- Mental Health Agencies
 - Agency on Aging
 - Children and Youth
 - Libraries
 - Prison Programs
 - Recovery Programs
 - Juvenile Probation
 - Recycling & Sustainability Departments
 - Roads & Bridges
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Penn State Cooperative
 - Social Service Non-Profits
 - Local Developers
 - Office of Community & Economic Development
 - Rails-to-Rails Organizations
 - Housing Departments
 - Main St./Elm St.
 - Tourism Bureau
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PENNSYLVANIA

GRANT & RESOURCE DIRECTORY



Local Share Account Statewide

PROGRAM GUIDELINES
July 2025



Pennsylvania
Department of Community
& Economic Development





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WHO WE ARE

RESEARCH

SUPPORT US

We find the
**human
connections**
in the humanities





PA Cultural Exchange (PaX)

The PA Cultural Exchange Fellowship is a new and innovative program from PA Humanities that convenes humanities, creative and cultural practitioners from across Pennsylvania in a dynamic learning experience designed to deepen relationships, spark creativity, and strengthen the state's humanities and creative network.

Through immersive weekend gatherings in communities across the state, fellows explore local cultural ecosystems, experience innovative humanities-based community engagement in action, and build meaningful relationships across lines of geography, experience, and perspective. Fellows also participate in virtual workshops and peer learning opportunities, receive a stipend to support participation and community-based projects, and gain opportunities to share their stories through statewide media partnerships.



The fellowship reflects our mission to illuminate the possibilities of our shared humanity through storytelling, learning, and connection. Built on decades of program and grantmaking experience, and informed by recent culture sector research, the fellowship responds to a growing need for connection, collaboration, and shared learning among cultural practitioners. By investing in people, strengthening networks, and supporting "civic catalysts" already building bridges within their communities, the PA Cultural Exchange Fellowship expands what's possible for the humanities in Pennsylvania.



Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)

Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)

The **Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC)** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit affiliate of NEPA Alliance. NCAC aims to **support, connect, and inspire** the region's nonprofits in providing the resources they need to operate effectively and efficiently.



Building a more inspired, connected, and culturally rich Pennsylvania.

Help Creative Pennsylvania cultivate a lasting creative ecosystem across Pennsylvania. The arts bring lasting positive benefits to citizens, fostering unity, collaboration, and commerce. Join us to make a real difference in PA.

BECOME A MEMBER

Submit



Learn About My Legislators

 Sign up with Facebook

or

Thank you for taking action and registering with Creative Pennsylvania! Use the form below to register.
Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

First Name *

Last Name *

Address * 

Email *

Phone Number *

Thank you for registering! We'll be in touch.

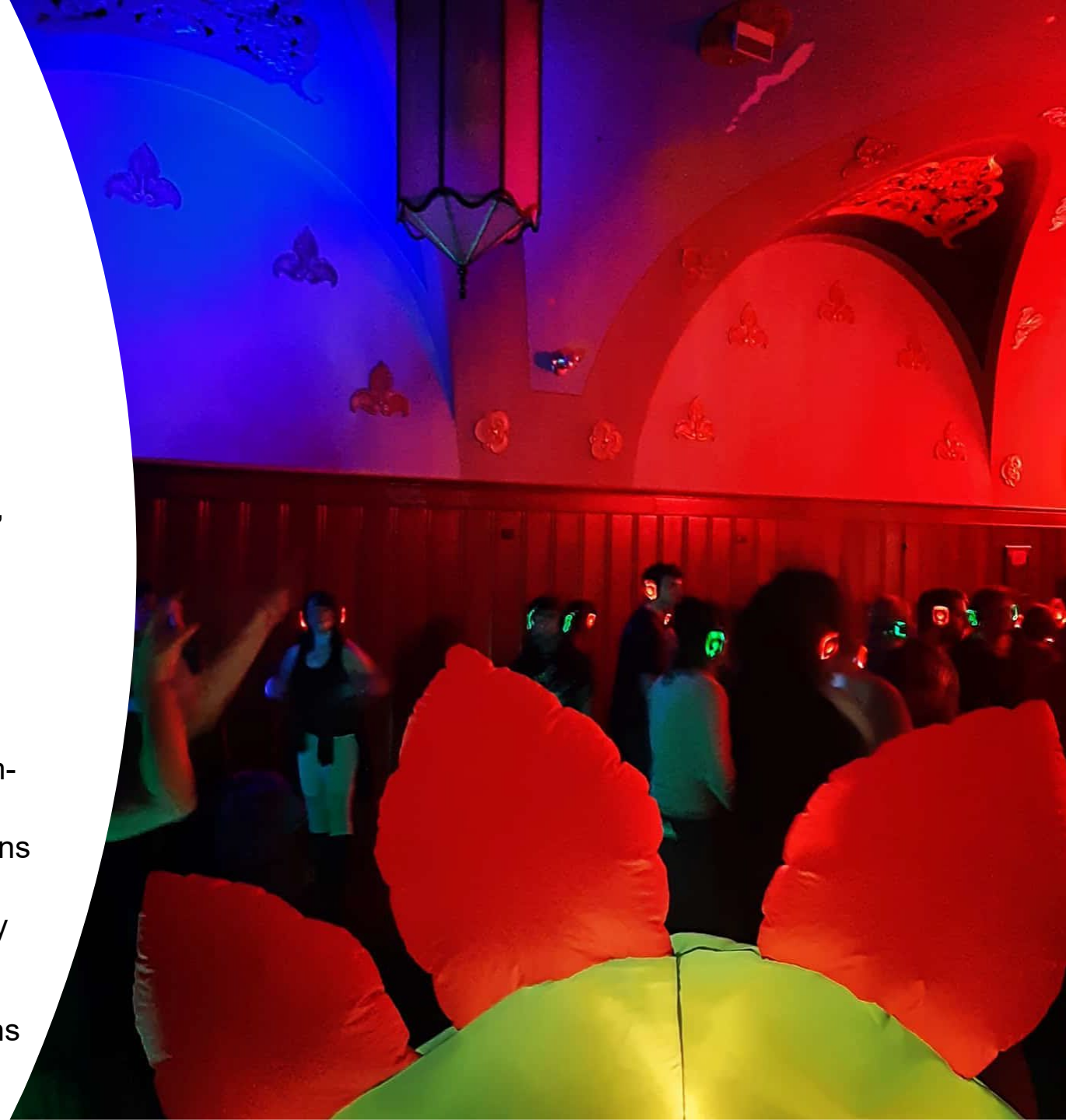
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- Join Professional organizations
 - Americans for the Arts
 - NACo Arts commission
 - Citizens for the Arts in PA
 - National Consortium of Creative Placemaking
 - PA Humanities
- Educate yourself on arts and economic development and resources
- Establish an arts council or advisory board

Connect with other counties to learn about their successes

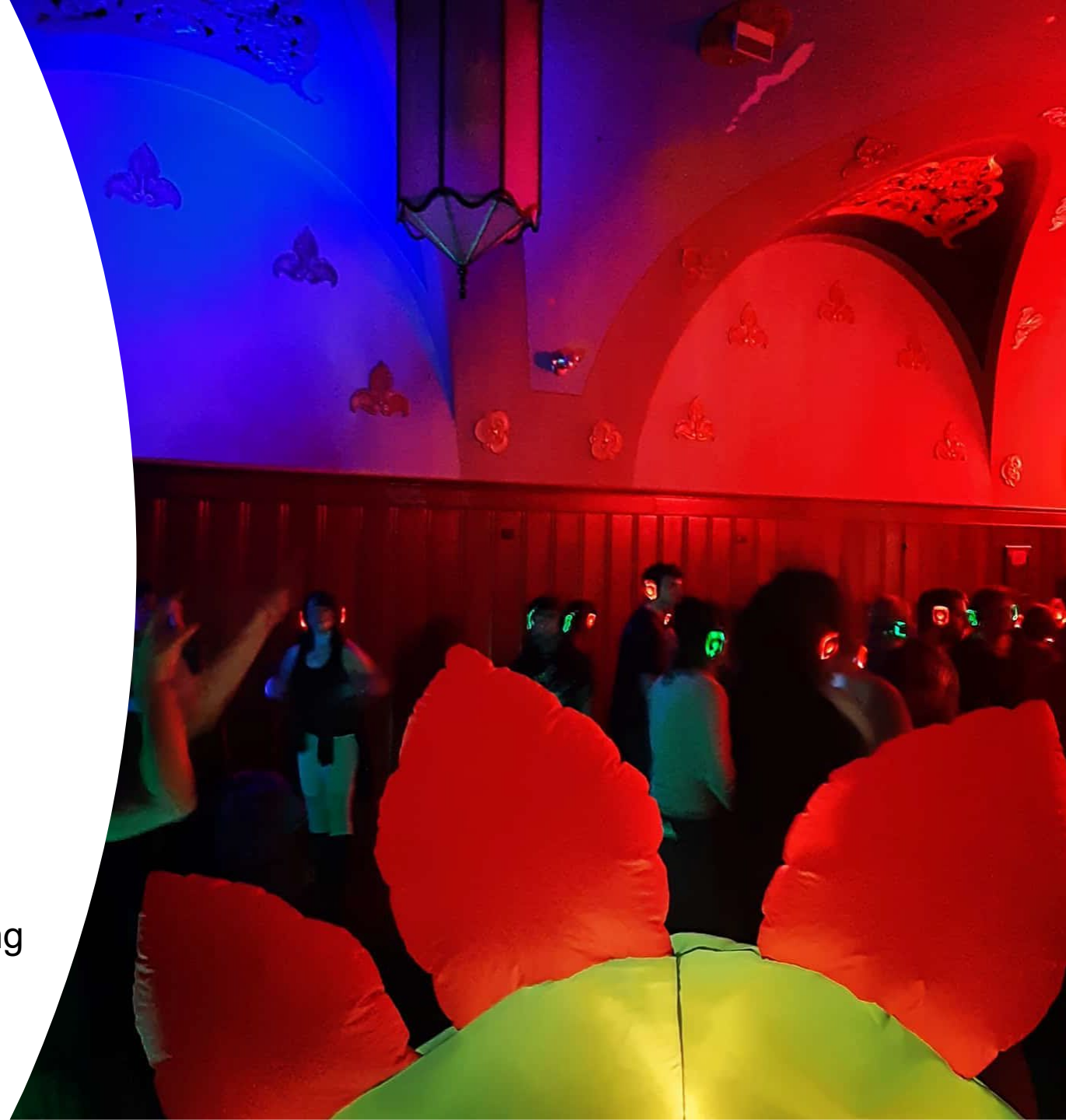
- Explore ideas to generate revenue income-dedicated tax, Hotel Tax use, percent for public art
- Host an event or town hall
- Host a roundtable bringing together a variety of stakeholders
- Do surveys or activities at events to get resident input
- Talk to other departments about how artists can help them- what programming needs do they have funding
- Create an inventory of artists, arts and culture organizations and other creative businesses in your community
- Connect creatives to resources already in your community (i.e. Small Business Development Centers, incubators, funders)
- Meet with other potential partners-Chambers, Foundations



\$1,000-10,000

- Grants for artist entrepreneurs
- Seed funding grants for events/programs or investment in existing programs to help them grow
- Public art projects for beautification
- Hire artists to engage public for ideas
- Small Marketing Campaigns
- Workshops for Creatives for Business Development
- Match money for grants (i.e. NEA Challenge grant)

Creation of pilot program for artists corps of working artists for county programs



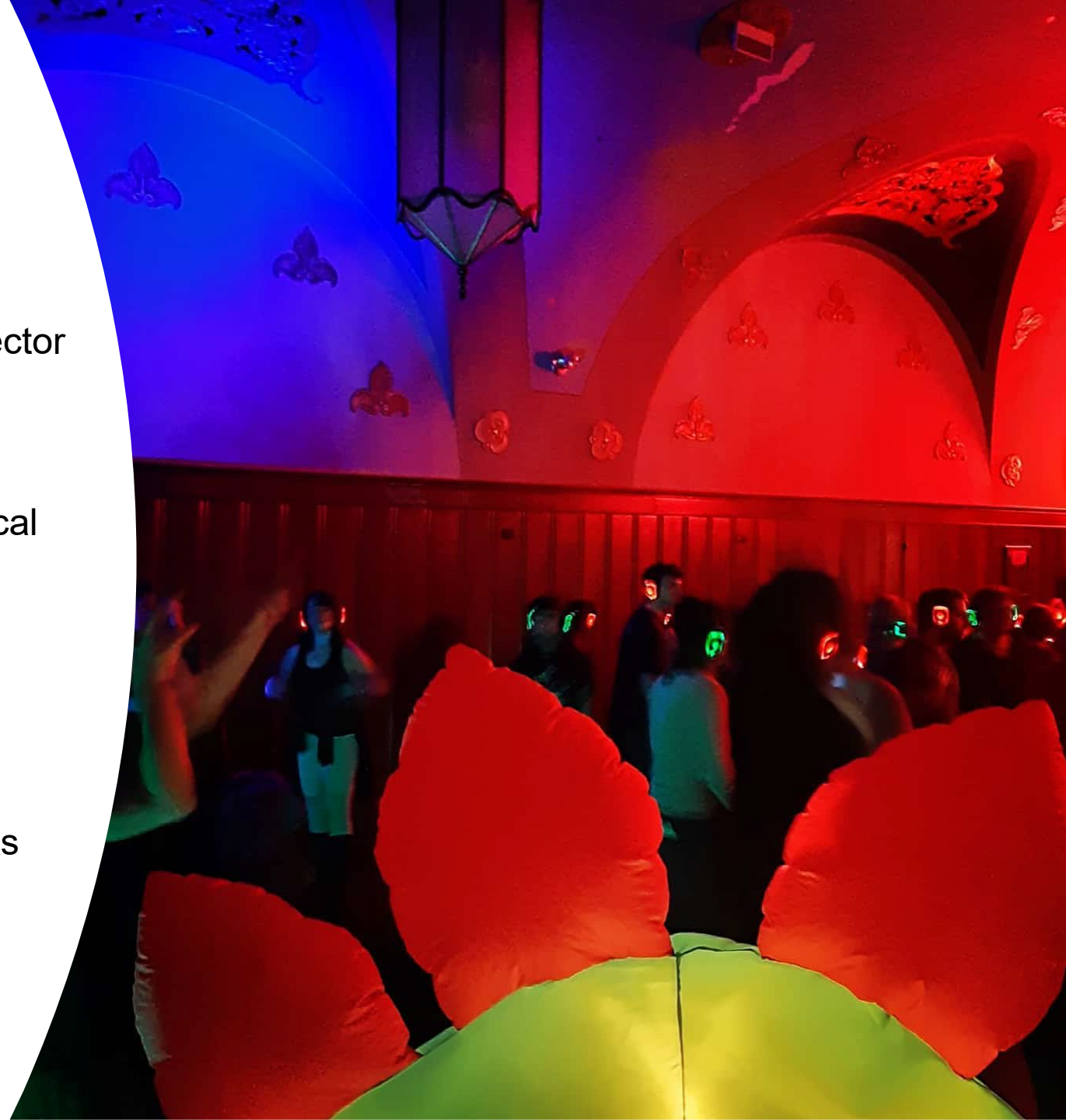
\$10,000-50,000

- Larger grants, bigger public art projects
- Investment for technology for creative sector
- Destination Marketing investment
- Matches for larger state and Federal Grants for
- Creation of Materials/Technology for Self-guided and other tours
- Creation of sustainable an artists corps of working artists for county programs
- Create a strategic plan or implementation plan
- Creation of a new festival, event



\$50,000 & Beyond

- Comprehensive Cultural Tourism Marketing and creation of Materials
- Increased investment in technology for creative sector
- Sustained funding for creative sector grants
- Larger projects for Arts Districts, rehabbing historical sites, neighborhood or rural area revitalization
- Expansion of existing programs
- Creation or sustained investment in large festivals
- Match for larger grants –RCAP funding, LSA grants



Resources

Creative PA-Non-profit State Advocacy Organization

<https://www.creative-pennsylvania.org/>

Search tool to find your legislators-<https://www.creative-pennsylvania.org/action-center>

Local Share Account (LSA)

<https://dced.pa.gov/business-assistance/business-financing/local-share-account-lsa/>

Local Share Account (LSA)- Statewide

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs/local-share-account-lsa-statewide/>

Pennsylvania Grant & Recourse Directory-List of All Available State Grants

https://www.pahouse.com/files/Documents/2025-02-06_101242__Grant%20Book%202025.pdf

**NEPA Alliance Non-profit & Community Assistance
Center**-assistance for non-profits

Free newsletter that sends grant opportunities

Membership \$100 a year-access to grant databases

<https://www.nepa-alliance.org/ncac/>

PA Humanities-Non-Profit State Humanities Agency

<https://pahumanities.org/>

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Thank you!



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