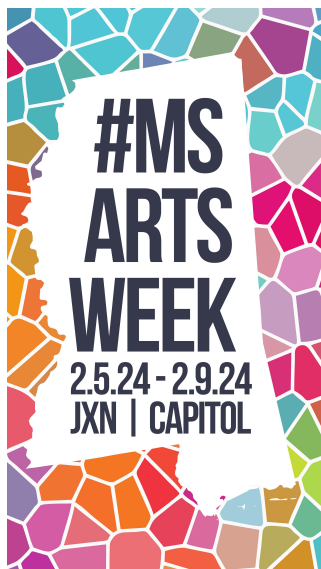


Support funding for the arts in cities and towns across Mississippi

As a leader in Mississippi, you know that our state is known for its contribution to the arts. When you look around your district, you can see the value that the arts bring to the communities you represent. Whether in a local artist's mural, a performance at a local theatre or when you see the revenue generating possibilities that performing venues, festivals and museums contribute to our state - when you stop to look around in your district - you know that support of the arts lead to vibrant, cultural centers where people thrive

Advocates for the arts are coming together from across the state this year to ask for your continued support for Mississippi's creative sector by supporting increased funding for the Mississippi Arts Commission.



Fund the "Building Fund for the Arts"

The Building Fund for the Arts was created by the Mississippi State Legislature in 2001 as a special fund to be administered by the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) and has since become one of the most important and much needed source of funding for the repair, renovation and construction of Mississippi's arts institutions.

Increased support of 6.5 million dollars to the Building Fund for the Arts will help to support the creative sector in our state and will contribute to bolstering Mississippi's creative economy, building upon state investments including the legislature's support of museums, theater's, opera's, symphony's and community arts centers across the state. By voting to grow the Building Fund for the Arts, you will help to strengthen nonprofit organizational capacity and provide opportunities for citizens to engage with Mississippi's unique arts and cultural opportunities. Please lend your support to increase access to the Building Fund for the Arts in FY25.

For Fiscal Year 2025, we are asking you to:

- **Support an increase for the Mississippi Arts Commission's General Fund to support additional funding for awarded grants.**
- **Support a 6.5 million dollar increase to the Building Fund for the Arts. This is based upon the application pool for BFA funding. 11.5 Million dollars (a 6.5M increase) would allow MAC to respond to the CURRENT expressed needs for arts facility maintenance, additions and repair.**
- **We ask that you continue to maintain funding to support arts integration in education through the continued work of MAC's Mississippi Whole Schools Program.**

We thank you for your support of the arts!

Thank you!