MASSCreative
Virtual Policy & Action Update

April 22, 2022
State: FY23 Budget
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Jan 26: Baker submits H.2 (FY23 Budget proposal)

$20.4M

March 1: MCC request $27.4 million

Ways & Means Committee Hearings

April: House Ways & Means budget

$22.5M

House Debate (Amendments)

May: Senate Ways & Means budget

May/June: Conference Committee appointed

July: Legislature passes final Budget

Baker has 10 days to approve or veto the budget

July: Conference Cte released "Conference Budget Report"

April: House Debate

Senate Debate

Final Senate Budget

May: Senate Debate

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Wait. Why Are We Still Asking for $27.4M?

This process requires ongoing negotiation and multiple advocacy touches.
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Advocacy Strategy:
- Mass Cultural Council meetings with legislators
- MASSCreative communication to House members
- Social media thank yous to Co-sponsors
- Arts and Cultural Community letter to leadership
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House Advocacy Strategy:

4. Arts and Cultural Community letter to leadership

- A united message to demonstrate our collective power and our need.
- Sign ons welcome from artists, cultural organizations, and creatives across Massachusetts.

DEADLINE TO SIGN ON: Monday April 25 at 5pm.
Federal: Advancing Equity Through the Arts & Humanities Act

- Introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA 13)
- Establishes Advancing Equity Program co-led by NEA & NEH
  - increase engagement with organizations that serve and are led by people of color and support projects that combat systemic racism through arts & humanities.
- Creates grant program that combats systemic racism through arts & humanities.
- Review existing NEA & NEH programs to dismantle systemic racism
- Create outreach strategies and TA for applicants (including free grant writing training!)
- Advisory Task force - majority BIPOC members and representatives from arts and humanities - time is compensated
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- Letter of Support - opportunity for organizations to sign on.
Boston: FY23 Budget

- Mayor Wu’s proposed budget
  1. ARPA spending plan
  1. FY23 operating budget
  1. Capital expenditures
Boston: FY23 Budget

- Boston ARPA funds for arts & culture
  - $20 Million “to strengthen arts and culture”
    - over 3 years
    - $15 million to elevate and invest in BIPOC-led cultural organizations
    - $5 million for reactivating public spaces in neighborhoods and Downtown
  - support for artists, cultural workers and community organizations
Boston: FY23 Budget

1. Operating Budget
   - Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture
     - FY23 - $3.8M (approx)
       - increase from FY22

2. Capital Budget
   - Covers FY23-FY27
   - $18.25M - For specific projects / percent for art program
State: Create the Vote MA Coalition

GOALS
- Building the political power of the Arts and Cultural Sector
- Engage Candidates to support their cultural policy leadership
- Support voter turnout and registration

APPROACH
- Shared decision making and leadership
- Equity centered
- Opportunities for intersectional advocacy

Join Us by filling out the CTV Coalition interest form