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**Dakota** | Council on the Arts  
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## Mission

Strengthen creative capacity of North Dakota for all who live and visit through:

Honoring cultural traditions

Empowering excellence and innovation

Inspiring arts and cultural opportunities for all

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## Goals

Arts and creative process for all

Vibrant communities

Thriving arts ecosystem

Excellence and innovation

# Economic Impact of Arts in North Dakota



**\$1.6B +**

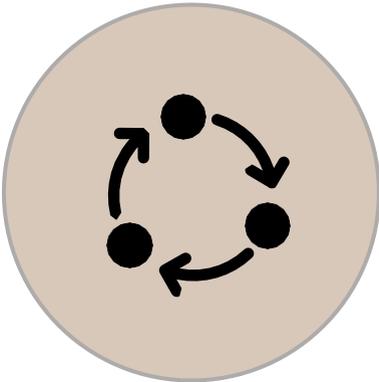
**Industry Value**

2.22% of North Dakota's economy\*



**12,955**

**Jobs\***



**\$32.50**

**beyond the cost of event  
to local economies**

per person, per event\*\*

*\*data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis*

*\*\*data from the Americans for the Arts Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 study*



# NDCA Grant Impact



**396 Grants**

To date in the 2023-25 biennium



**\$2,078,479**

Amount awarded to date in the 2023-25 biennium to ND organizations and artists



**71 Cities**

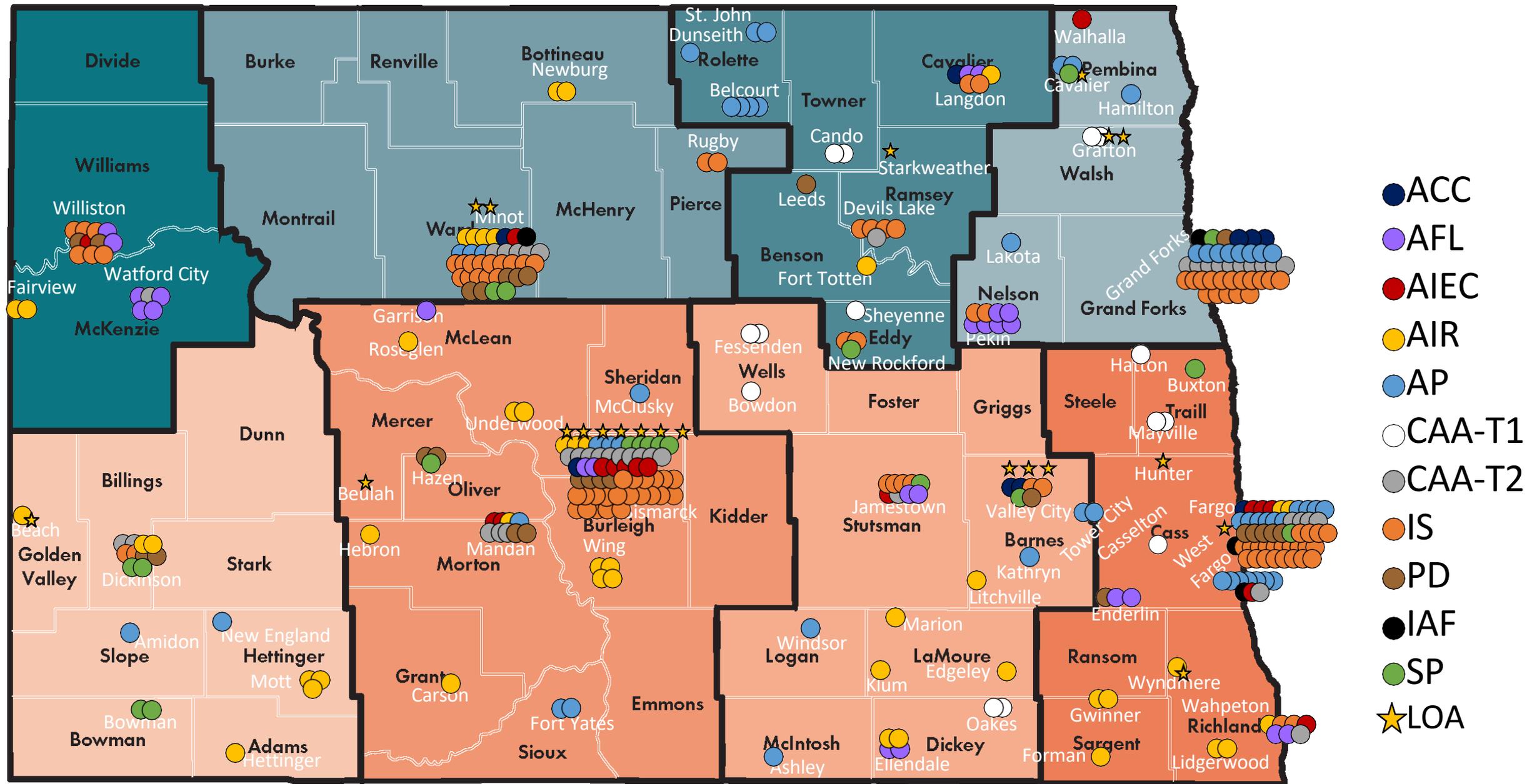
**39 Counties**

**8 Regions**



**1.2M+ Visits**

Adult and youth visits in most recent biennium





# Arts in Education Impact



Artist-in-Residencies

**46 grants**

supporting students and teachers to date this biennium



Poetry Out Loud

**39 high schools**

4,313 students last biennium



Arts in Education Collaboration

**21 grants**

8,800 students

+

1,680 teachers, artists, administrators, and community members last biennium

# Institutional Support



**\$800,000 +**

In operating support to arts organizations in the 2023-25 biennium

**1:1**

cash match required



**51**

organizations supported in the 2023-25 biennium



# Folk and Traditional Arts Program

**53** Apprenticeships supported to date  
in the 2023-25 biennium



# Art for Life Program



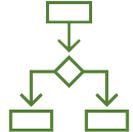
Portraits of veterans and spouses of veterans at the Good Samaritan Home in Lakota, ND

**Purpose** 

Pairs arts organizations with elder-care facilities and schools

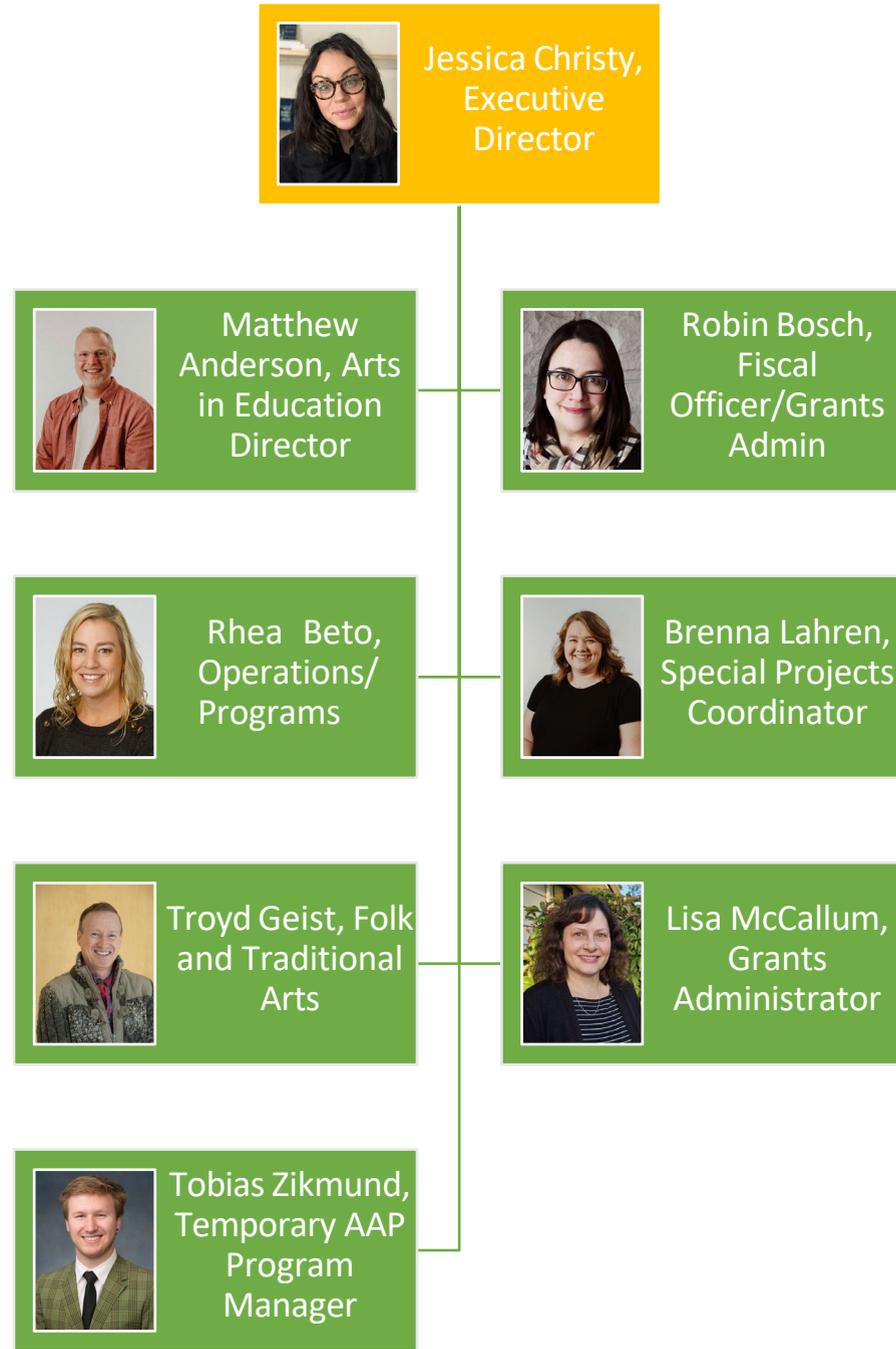
**Focus** 

Targets loneliness, boredom, and helplessness

**Impact** 

National template for creative aging

# NDCA Organizational Chart



# NDCA Accomplishments

1

**Arts Across the Prairie**  
creative placemaking initiative  
8 works in all 8 regions  
Community-driven  
Training for local artists

2

***On the Edge of the Wind:  
Native Storytellers and  
the Land***  
7,000 visitors a month

3

**Arts in Justice program**  
provides immersive  
educational arts experiences  
for youth in corrections

4

**Densmore Lakota Song  
Repatriation Project**  
in partnership with Dakota  
Legacy and the Bush  
Foundation

5

**Afterschool Arts Learning  
program** provides  
education outside of  
school hours

6

**Sacred Pipe Resource Center  
Partnership**  
18-month professional  
development opportunity for  
Indigenous artists

7

**Arts Labs for Youth (ALFY)  
Program** provides arts  
education and professional  
development for educators

8

**Chainz to Changed**  
podcast hosted by  
residents of the men's  
correctional center

# NDCA Budget and Future Challenges

1

## **Arts Across the Prairie**

creative placemaking initiative needs funds to fulfil partnership agreements and contracts with artists

2

## **Retirements > Half of NDCA FTE staff to retire in a two-year span**

posing operational and budget challenges for a small team

3

## **Required match to federal dollars**

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) partnership agreement requires 1:1 state appropriation match

4

## **Ongoing grant needs and program assessment**

To meet reporting requirements, stay nationally competitive to retain creative experts, focus on growing educational opportunities

# arts across the prairie



A community-driven initiative developed to celebrate the cultural heritage of rural areas, foster creative relationships across counties and regions, and spur economic development through tourism.

## Goals:

**Foster** creative cross-county networking and regional collaboration

**Promote** tourism for in- and out-of-state visitors

**Stimulate** economic development and activity in rural areas of North Dakota

**Build** stronger arts communities across the state

**Invest** in North Dakota's creative sector with professional training and support to heighten visibility

**Bolster** NDCA's role as a rural development partner

**Celebrate** the cultural heritage of rural areas



# Budget totals

	23-25 Biennium Original Appropriation	23-25 Biennium Current Appropriation	Agency Requested for 25-27	Governor's Recommendation for 25-27
<b>Budget</b>	\$4,547,019	\$4,925,018	\$5,262,774	\$4,624,437
<b>FTE</b>	6	6	7	7



# NDCA FTE positions

## 2023-25 position approved

- Administrative Assistant III
- Filled September 2023
- \$69,750 new funds appropriated for the biennium
  - \$63,470 transferred from OMB pool
- \$138,264 estimated to be spent 2023-25

## Turnover / Vacancies

- Executive Director position
- No vacancy
- \$0 remains in OMB pool

# Program/line item funding

	Base Level	Agency Requested	Governor's Rec.	Senate Action
Salaries and wages	\$1,222,195	\$1,777,130	\$1,608,543	\$1,400,122
New & vacant FTE pool	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$16,519
Operating expenses	\$674,093	\$1,073,843	\$679,093	\$679,093
Grants	\$2,355,342	\$2,411,801	\$2,336,801	\$2,336,801
<b>Total of Line Items</b>	<b>\$4,251,630</b>	<b>\$5,262,774</b>	<b>\$4,624,437</b>	<b>\$4,432,535</b>
Estimated income – special funds	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Estimated income – federal funds	\$1,870,000	\$1,870,000*	\$1,870,000	\$1,870,000
General funds	\$2,371,630	\$3,382,774	\$2,744,437	\$2,552,535
<b>Total of Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$4,251,630</b>	<b>\$5,262,774</b>	<b>\$4,624,437</b>	<b>\$4,432,535</b>
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# ONE-TIME FUNDING

## 2023-25 appropriations

- **\$106,430** for leave payout for retiring staff
- **\$84,000** for *Arts Across the Prairie* statewide trainings
- **\$16,000** for *Arts Across the Prairie* permits
- **\$40,000** for strategic planning
- **\$12,500** for office IT equipment and furniture

## 2025-27 requests

- **\$559,750** for *Arts Across the Prairie* infrastructure package: Engineering and Contractor fees, site materials, Regional Partner Grants, signage, and travel
- **\$40,000** for leave payout for eligible long-term employee

## Fabrication costs

**Section Addition Request:  
\$380k of Maintenance Fund**

- For the build of the artworks
- **Requested access to maintenance fund for up to \$380,000**
- Senate approved access up to \$190,000
- Current fund amount: \$1,271,262

## Infrastructure package

**Request: Decision Package #3**

- Engineering fees.....\$60,000
- Contractor fees.....\$175,000
- Site prep materials.....\$220,000
- Regional Partner Grants..\$75,000
- Signage.....\$12,500
- Travel.....\$17,250

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**\$559,750 total request**

No portion of this decision package was funded by Senate Appropriations

# Changes requested to first chamber's action:

- 1 FTE – Grant Program Officer Decision Package**  
Reinstate Gov. Armstrong's recommendation for the FTE – '23-25 biennium, NDCA requested two FTEs; one was approved. Approving this second will bring a full-time temporary employee to an FTE for work already being performed.
- 2 Access to Maintenance Fund Section Language Request**  
Provide access to the requested amount of \$380,000 for the fabrication of 4 artworks.  
Community buy-in is high; contracts are signed with artists.
- 3 Arts Across the Prairie Infrastructure Decision Package**  
Needed for site prep, engineering, and pull offs for visitors as sites are adjacent to major highways. This is a critical need and pairs with access to the Maintenance Fund.
- 4 Temp salary for Arts Across the Prairie Manager Decision Package**  
NDCA hired this temp staff in 2023. Funds are needed to continue the work of coordinating stakeholders, artist teams, community events and engagement, landowners, site prep, and installation.
- 5 Leave Payout Decision Package**  
For long-term employee eligible for retirement



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