



Department of Economic and  
Community Development

Office of the Arts

## **CONNECTICUT AWARDS 114 GRANTS TO ARTS NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT STATE**

*Arts Groups to Share Nearly \$400,000 in State Arts Funding*

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), through its Office of the Arts, today announced it has awarded \$397,354 to 114 arts organizations through the Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund.

“Given the specter of potential federal funding cuts for the arts, these funds that we distribute through the state’s arts endowment fund are critical,” said Kristina Newman-Scott, Executive Director, Connecticut Office of the Arts and State Historic Preservation Officer. “With this fund, the agency can give operating and capital support to a diverse array of arts organizations that are doing really important work in their communities, many of which are in underserved rural and urban areas.”

The Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund was established by the state legislature in 1988 to stimulate the development of private-sector funding resources and to ensure the long-term stability of Connecticut’s arts industry. Interest on the fund, which is managed by the Office of the State Treasurer, is distributed annually through DECD’s Office of the Arts to eligible organizations.

Arts organizations are eligible to apply if they have generated a minimum of \$15,000 in matching funds from private contributions for each of their two most recently completed fiscal years. The amount of funding is determined by a formula that rewards organizations that report a substantial increase in the amount of private-sector contributions. Organizations may use funds for capital projects, operations, programs or to establish their own endowments.

This year’s recipients represent a broad spectrum of arts and cultural activities and come from 48 different communities from across Connecticut. Click [here](#) for a complete list.

Application guidelines for the Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund are available on the Office of the Arts [website](#).

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