

Wisconsin Arts Board Fast Facts

Fiscal Year 2026



By The Numbers

Annual Budget **\$2,368,476**
Federal Dollars **\$1,184,238**
State Dollars **\$1,184,238**

Number of Board Members **15 people from across Wisconsin**
Members are appointed by the Governor
Number of Staff Members **5 people**

Mission

The Wisconsin Arts Board is the state agency which nurtures **creativity**, cultivates **expression**, advances the **arts**, supports the arts in **education**, stimulates **community** and **economic development**, and serves as a **resource** for people of every culture and heritage.

Vision

The Wisconsin Arts Board vision is inspired by a quote from the late Robert E. Gard, Professor Emeritus of Community Theatre, University of Wisconsin:

“If we are seeking in America, let it be for the reality of democracy in the arts. Let art begin at home, and let it spread through the children and the parents, and through the schools and the institutions, and through government. And let us start by acceptance, not negation – acceptance that the arts are important everywhere, and that they can exist and flourish in small places as well as large, with money or without it, according to the will of the people. Let us put firmly and permanently aside the cliché that the arts are a frill. Let us accept the goodness of art where we are now, and expand its worth in the places where people live.”

We embrace this vision: it guides our belief that the arts are basic to human life and essential to the human spirit.

Positioning Statement

The Four “Cs”

C r e a t i v i t y

C u l t u r e

C o m m u n i t y

C o m m e r c e

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