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## **Boston Center for the Arts Awarded a Reopen Creative Boston/American Rescue Plan Act Grant**

*192 arts and cultural organizations received grants totaling \$3,422,000 as part of the city's Boston Cultural Council grants and Reopen Creative Boston ARPA funding for general operating support and for COVID-19 relief.*

Boston, MA — Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) is honored to announce that it will receive a \$35,000 grant award as part of the Boston Cultural Council (BCC)/Reopen Creative Boston funding. These grants will ensure that Boston Center for the Arts will continue to support artists and the greater cultural community through ambitious residency programs, public programming, and by providing artists with essential artistic resources, including time, space, and compensation.

The Reopen Creative Boston's grant was allotted from the \$2.78 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This one-time funding through ARPA aids arts and culture organizations in reopening efforts as our communities continue to recover from the economic impact of COVID. In addition, the City of Boston's Boston Cultural Council awarded a total of \$643,677 to arts and culture organizations.

"This year's group of grantees are a wonderful reflection of the diversity and vibrancy of Boston's arts community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "From small dance groups, to organizations that focus on engaging communities through film, to some of Boston's most beloved cultural institutions, each one of these groups plays a vital role shaping our city."

"Arts, culture, and creative industries have been devastated by the pandemic," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "This year's grantees have faced significant hurdles, but they also shared with us the exciting and innovative ways that they are making new work, staying connected to their communities, and helping our cultural scene come back to life."



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“We are pleased to be recognized by the City of Boston as a bold and innovative arts organization that plays a major role in helping Boston’s artists thrive,” said Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) Co-Executive Director Emily Foster Day. “With the generous support of our city, we will continue to nurture Boston artists through our many residency programs and category-defying public programming so artists can continue to rebuild in response to the ongoing pandemic.”

#### **About the Mayor’s Office of Arts & Culture**

The Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture is a City agency that enhances the quality of life, the economy, and the design of the City through the arts. The role of the arts in all aspects of life in Boston is reinforced through equitable access to arts and culture in every community, its public institutions, and public places. Key areas of work include support to the cultural sector through grants and programs, support of cultural facilities and artist workspace, as well as the commissioning, review, and care of art in public places. Learn more at [boston.gov/arts](https://boston.gov/arts).

#### **About the Boston Cultural Council**

The Boston Cultural Council (BCC), under the umbrella of the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, consists of a diverse, volunteer body of Boston residents with lived experience in a variety of artistic disciplines. It annually distributes funds allocated by the City of Boston and the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, to support innovative arts, humanities and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in our city. For more information, please [visit here](#).

#### **About Boston Center for the Arts**

Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) supports working artists to create, perform, and exhibit new works; develops new audiences; and connects the arts to community, and has for over five decades engaged the creative community for public good. While the organization’s physical residence is in the historic South End, BCA touches every part of Boston’s cultural ecosystem. A leading force in the city’s cultural community, BCA has supported thousands of individual artists, small organizations and performing arts companies, who add depth and dimension to the Boston arts ethos. Through residencies and programming, BCA serves as an epicenter for an expanding cohort of artists working across all disciplines, and has catalyzed careers by providing fertile ground for experimentation and artistic risk-taking. To learn more about Boston Center for the Arts, visit [bostonarts.org](https://bostonarts.org).

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