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## **Mass Cultural Council Awards BCA \$35,600 Cultural Investment Portfolio Grant**

BOSTON, MA — Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) is pleased to announce the award of \$35,600 grant from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Cultural Investment Portfolio Program.

Through its long- and short-term residency programs, BCA is able to provide artists in the visual, dance and movement, multidisciplinary, and theatre arts, a rare but essential need every artist has: the ability to think, explore, experiment, push their creative practice forward. This award will help further direct support to Boston-area artists.

“BCA is extremely grateful to the Mass Cultural Council for this vital and generous award of \$35,600,” said Emily Foster Day, Co-Executive Director, Boston Center for the Arts. “The unrestricted nature of this grant is especially helpful in allowing us to move funding to cover the immediate needs of hundreds of Boston’s artists. This award will help us continue our mission of directly providing artists through our residencies and experiences with the space, resources, and time they need for their creative practices to not only recover — but thrive — in the months and years ahead.”

Mass Cultural Council has a budget of \$15.7 million, including an appropriation of nearly \$14 million from the state of Massachusetts and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources. The agency also runs the [Mass Cultural Facilities Fund](#) in partnership with MassDevelopment.



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## 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](http://bostonarts.org).

## ABOUT THE MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Mass Cultural Council funds reach every community in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to promote excellence, education, access and diversity in the arts, humanities and sciences, to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the vitality of our communities and economy.

To learn more about the Mass Cultural Council, visit [massculturalcouncil.org](http://massculturalcouncil.org).

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