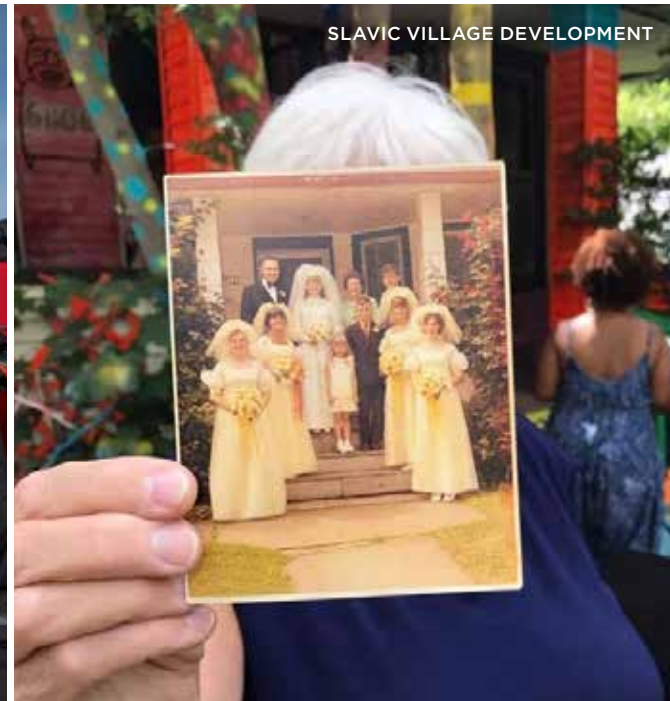




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Arts and culture have the power to bring people together.

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Through shared EXPERIENCES

we learn and discover. By lifting up unheard voices, we recognize and celebrate what makes us unique. Through arts and culture, we imagine a stronger future together.

In 2018, the unifying power of arts and culture was on full display in Cuyahoga County. Nearly 7 million friends, neighbors and visitors shared in arts and culture experiences funded by the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

Last year, CAC funded 258 organizations from large to small, that brought people of all ages together through performances, exhibits, and history and natural science experiences. CAC also recognized the need to address racial inequities in the arts by supporting the participation of hundreds of our grant recipients in Racial Equity Institute training, in partnership with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress.

To date, CAC has invested more than \$182 million in grants to make our community a vibrant place to live, work and visit. We are proud to share the 2018 accomplishments of our agency and of our grant recipients on the following pages. And we are grateful for taxpayer support that makes these meaningful opportunities possible for every Cuyahoga County resident.

2,169 grants
made since 2007

404 nonprofits
funded to date

\$182,408,455
total grants made since 2007

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the year in review

2018 Financials

FIGURES REPRESENT UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR 2018

Revenues **\$14,120,657**

Expenses **\$13,473,622**

Arts & Cultural Grantmaking \$12,826,417
General & Administrative \$647,205

Net Position **\$19,079,151**

Change in Net Position \$647,035
Net Position Start of 2018 \$18,432,116



LAKE ERIE NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL (LENAC) + TALESPINNER CHILDREN'S THEATRE

“ We were very lucky to work with LENAC to show our audiences who Native Americans really are. People tend to think of Native Americans as part of history, not the present. We were able to show schoolchildren that these are people living their lives every day in their communities,” said Alison Garrigan, executive artistic director, Talespinner Children’s Theatre.



TOGETHER with respect

When Talespinner Children’s Theatre on Cleveland’s near west side wanted to tell the stories of Native American children, it wanted to do so with respect. Talespinner sought a partnership with the Lake Erie Native American Council (LENAC) to guide the development of stories and to make sure Native American voices were represented accurately.

Both organizations are CAC Project Support grant recipients, and they collaborated for a year to bring to life *The Boy Who Stole The Sun (And Other Native American Stories)*, which told tales of the Inuit, Ojibwe and Pueblo through storytelling, music, dance and puppetry. Eighteen performances and multiple outreach and educational events reached hundreds of children and their families.

“Our reach, together combined, drew in a more diverse audience to learn about our heritage. I felt it was a source of pride for our community to be portrayed in such a sensitive way. We worked together for a full year to make sure everyone was portrayed respectfully. Without CAC funding, we wouldn’t have been able to take that time,” said Marlys Rambeau-General, chairperson, Lake Erie Native American Council.



Top left: Courtesy of Talespinner Children’s Theatre, photo by Steve Wagner Photography; Top right: Courtesy of LENAC, photo by Cynthia Connolly. Opposite: Courtesy of Talespinner Children’s Theatre, photo by Steve Wagner Photography.

TOGETHER through inclusion

MOCA CLEVELAND

As moCa Cleveland planned for its 50th anniversary, it developed a blueprint for how it wanted to engage the community. The contemporary art museum – a recipient of General Operating Support from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture – set its sights on deepening public value and creating a space for civic dialogue and collaboration.

moCa's OPEN HOUSE, a set of initiatives that embodies the values of diversity, inclusion, and engagement, is making the museum welcoming and accessible for all audiences. OPEN HOUSE includes free admission for all, enhancement of visitor experience, expanded on-site activities for families and teens, creation of a diversity focused curatorial fellowship, and programming that is relevant and responsive to the communities moCa serves. The initiative is bringing new audiences in the door: 60% of participants are first-time visitors, and many new visitors come from the neighborhood surrounding the museum's University Circle setting.

“Art is a very powerful vehicle for meaningful discourse. We want to be a vehicle for people to engage in social issues that are relative to our community. At the same time, we have to earn the trust of the community and demonstrate our commitment to our community,” said Jill Snyder, executive director of moCa Cleveland. “For over a decade, CAC funding has been radically transformative for us. It provides a foundation that allows us to build upon to create a place that’s vibrant and reflects the life of our community.”



Photo: Courtesy of moCa, photo by The DarkRoom Co.



“The Learning Lab has definitely been a learning experience for me, and I’m grateful I had the opportunity.”
- ARCHIE GREEN

Photo: Courtesy of Cleveland Magazine, photo by Angelo Merendino.

New CAC Partnerships Support Artists, Create Change

Hip-hop artist and mental health advocate Archie Green is one of 12 Cuyahoga County artists selected in 2018 to participate in Center for Performance and Civic Practice’s Learning Lab, supported by Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Through the Lab, Archie teamed with Lexington Bell Community Center to bring to life his project. Archie leads creative workshops for 25 children ages five through 12. The program uses songwriting, instrument instruction, and exposure to hip-hop and classical music to help transform kids’ mental health and self-confidence. Kindness, parental engagement, and removing the fear of failure are the three major components of the program, which will culminate with a community performance.

“When I first started the program, the kids couldn’t get past writing their name on a piece of paper due to the fact of the social anxiety of trying to write it perfectly. I want to attack those issues. I teach kids songs I write about chasing dreams and living in your own weirdness as opposed to trying to fit into a box. I want this program to open a whole new world of possibilities for these kids and introduce them to a new creative outlet,” Archie said.

**PRAXIS FIBER WORKSHOP +
THE CLEVELAND SEED BANK**

“ We leveraged each other’s strengths to have a bigger impact. Indigo is not something we have normally worked with, but we were able to succeed with Praxis’ help. Instead of working in little silos, we found a place our arts organizations intersected, and the collaboration made both of our organizations better,” said Chris Kennedy, co-founder, The Cleveland Seed Bank.



**TOGETHER
on
common
ground**

In an empty city lot at the corner of Corsica Avenue and E. 156th Street in Cleveland’s Waterloo Arts District, 3,000 Japanese indigo plants were sown, planted and harvested by community volunteers in 2018 to create natural dye. Local artists will use the dye to create three, 60-foot banners that honor the 50th anniversary of the burning of the Cuyahoga River, and more.

The Natural Dye Garden – the first of its kind in Cleveland – was made possible by a collaboration between Praxis Fiber Workshop and The Cleveland Seed Bank, both recipients of Project Support grants from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. More than 250 volunteers from the community tended the Natural Dye Garden.

Jessica Pinsky, executive director of Praxis Fiber Workshop, said CAC’s support was instrumental to the garden’s success. “CAC funded the partnership and the five free public workshops we had about the garden. We had hundreds of people participate who had never experienced anything like this before. We’re growing indigo and engaging our neighborhoods. It’s gratifying to see it be so successful,” she said.

Hundreds of partners,
thousands of events
brought our community
TOGETHER



**2018 CAC-SUPPORTED
ARTS & CULTURAL
EVENTS ACROSS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

2019 Grant Recipients

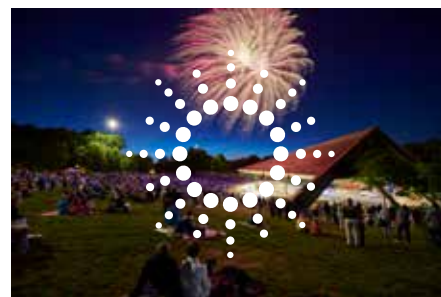
- Achievement Centers for Children
- African American Museum
- America SCORES Cleveland
- America Asian Pacific Islander Organization
- American Hungarian Friends of Scouting
- Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra
- Aradhana Committee
- Art House
- Art Therapy Studio
- Artists Archives of the Western Reserve
- Arts Cleveland
- Arts in Strongsville
- Arts Renaissance Tremont
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Baseball Heritage Museum
- Bay Village Community Band
- BYArts
- Beachwood Arts Council
- Beachwood Historical Society
- Beck Center for the Arts
- Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation
- Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging
- Berea Arts Fest
- Big Creek Connects
- Blazing River Freedom Band
- Blue Streak Ensemble
- BlueWater Chamber Orchestra
- BorderLight
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland
- Brite Cleveland
- Broadview Heights Spotlights
- Broadway School of Music and the Arts
- Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs
- Building Bridges Murals
- Burning River Baroque
- Burten, Bell, Carr Development
- Campus District Inc.
- Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cassidy Theatre
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland
- Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District
- Celebrate the Arts Performance Academy
- Center for Arts-Inspired Learning
- Cesear's Forum
- Chagrin Arts
- Chagrin Documentary Film Festival
- Chagrin Valley Little Theater
- ChamberFest Cleveland
- Children's Museum of Cleveland
- Choral Arts Cleveland
- City Ballet of Cleveland
- CityMusic Cleveland
- Cleveland Arts Prize
- Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers
- Cleveland Ballet
- Cleveland Blues Society
- Cleveland Botanical Garden
- Cleveland Chamber Choir
- Cleveland Chamber Collective
- Cleveland Chamber Music Society
- Cleveland Chamber Symphony
- Cleveland Classical Guitar Society
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Cleveland Composers Guild
- Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association
- Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation
- Cleveland Grays Armory Museum
- Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center
- Cleveland Inner City Ballet
- Cleveland Institute of Art
- Cleveland Institute of Music
- Cleveland International Film Festival
- Cleveland International Piano Competition
- Cleveland Jazz Orchestra
- Cleveland Leadership Center
- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- Cleveland Play House
- Cleveland POPS Orchestra
- Cleveland Print Room
- Cleveland Public Theatre
- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
- Cleveland Restoration Society
- Cleveland Rocks: Past Present and Future
- Cleveland School of the Arts Board of Trustees
- Cleveland Seed Bank
- Cleveland Shakespeare Festival
- Cleveland TOPS Swingband
- Cleveland Treatment Center
- Cleveland Vegan Society
- Cleveland Women's Orchestra
- Collective Arts Network
- CollectivExpress
- Connecting for Kids of Westlake OH
- Contemporary Youth Orchestra
- convergence-continuum
- Coventry Village Special Improvement District
- Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation
- Cuyahoga River Restoration
- DANCECleveland
- DANCEVERT
- Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio
- Dancing Wheels
- Djapo Cultural Arts Institute
- Doan Brook Watershed Partnership
- Dobama Theatre
- Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center
- Downtown Cleveland Alliance
- DuffyLit
- Dyngus Day Cleveland
- Edward E. Parker Museum of Art
- Eliza Bryant Village
- Ensemble Theatre
- Environmental Health Watch
- Errin Ministries
- Euclid Beach Park Now
- Far West Center
- Focus on Education
- Folknet
- Foluke Cultural Arts
- Friends of Euclid Creek
- Friends of the East Cleveland Public Library
- Friends of the McGaffin Carillon
- From Me 2 U
- Front Steps Housing and Services
- FrontLine Service
- FutureHeights
- German Music Society
- Golden Ciphers
- Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble
- Gordon Square Arts District
- Great Lakes Science Center
- Great Lakes Theater
- Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association
- Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation
- Greater Expectations Intercontinental Sacred Arts Society
- Green Triangle
- GroundWorks DanceTheater
- Harvard Community Services Center
- Heights Arts
- Heights Youth Theatre
- Hispanic Alliance
- Hispanic Business Center
- Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation
- Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation
- Hospice of the Western Reserve
- ICA - Art Conservation
- ideastream
- India Fest USA
- Ingenuity
- Inlet Dance Theatre
- International Community Council
- International Women's Air & Space Museum
- ioby
- Italian Cultural Garden
- Jennings Center for Older Adults
- Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Ohio
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Jones Road Family Development Corporation
- Joyful Noise Neighborhood Music School
- Judson
- Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center
- Kamm's Corners Development Corporation
- Karamu House
- Kulture Kids
- Lake Erie Ink
- Lake Erie Native American Council
- Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
- Lake View Cemetery Foundation
- LakewoodAlive
- LAND studio
- Larchmere PorchFest
- LatinUs Theater Company
- Les Délices
- Lexington-Bell Community Center
- LGBT Community Center Greater Cleveland
- Literary Cleveland
- Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation
- Local 4 Music Fund
- LYLESART
- M.U.S.i.C.
- Maelstrom Collaborative Arts
- Malachi Center
- Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Mandel JCC
- May Dugan Center
- Merrick House
- MidTown Cleveland
- MorrisonDance
- Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation
- Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland
- Music and Art at Trinity
- Naach Di Cleveland
- NAMI Greater Cleveland
- Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
- Near West Theatre
- Negative Space Gallery
- Neighborhood Connections
- New Avenues to Independence
- NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology
- No Exit
- North Union Farmers Market
- Northcoast Men's Chorus
- Notes for Notes
- OCA Cleveland
- OhioGuidestone
- Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
- One World Shop
- Open Doors Academy
- Open Tone Music
- PALS for Healing
- Parma Area Fine Arts Council
- Playhouse Square
- Playwrights Local
- Polish Village Parma
- Praxis Fiber Workshop
- Progressive Arts Alliance
- Quire Cleveland
- Rainey Institute
- Reaching Heights
- Refresh Collective
- Restore Cleveland Hope
- Rid-All Green Partnership
- Roberto Ocasio Foundation
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
- Rollin' Buckeyez
- Roots of American Music
- Sankofa
- School of Cleveland Ballet
- Shaker Arts Council
- Shaker Heights Development Corporation
- Shaker Historical Society
- Shore Cultural Centre
- Sixth City Sounds
- Slavic Village Development
- Slovenian Museum and Archives
- Soulcraft
- SPACES
- Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy
- STV Bavaria
- Suburban Symphony Orchestra
- Symphony West Orchestra
- Talespinner Children's Theatre
- The Brecksville Theater
- The City Club of Cleveland
- The Cleveland Opera
- The Cleveland Orchestra
- The Gathering Place
- The Harvard Square Center
- The Morgan Conservatory
- The Movement Project
- The Music Settlement
- The Musical Theater Project
- The Sculpture Center
- The Singing Angels
- Thea Bowman Center
- Transformer Station
- Tremont West Development Corporation
- Twelve Literary Arts
- University Circle Inc.
- Ukrainian Museum-Archives
- Underground Classical
- Union Miles Development Corporation
- University Hospitals
- UpStage Players
- Valley Art Center
- Verb Ballets
- Wake Up and Live's Actor's Studio
- Waterloo Arts
- West Shore Chorale
- West Side Catholic Center
- West Side Community House
- Western Reserve Fire Museum & Education Center
- Western Reserve Historical Society
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Westlake Chinese School
- Westtown Community Development Corporation
- Women in History
- Youth Challenge
- Zygote Press



6,833,880
Attendance at
CAC-supported events



52%
Free attendance at
CAC-funded events



140,000
viewed events on
ClevelandArtsEvents.com




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