

NORTH
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BIENNIAL REPORT
2023-2025

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North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA)

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A service and program agency, established by the State Legislature in 1967 "to ensure that the role of the arts in the life of our communities will continue to grow and will play an evermore significant part in the welfare and educational experience of our citizens"

(NDCC 54-54-01)

What We Believe

Mission: We strengthen the creative capacity of North Dakota for those who live or visit here: honoring our cultural traditions, empowering excellence and innovation, inspiring arts and culture opportunities for all.

Vision: A North Dakota in which all can experience arts and culture. All can participate; all are welcome; and arts and culture thrive.

Values: Art tells our stories – individually and as a state. Art, culture and creativity, by and for the community, have the power to: Inspire and Enhance lives; Build community and transform its spaces; Lift up, heal, and unite across divides. Everyone deserves equal access to a full, vibrant creative life, which is essential to a healthy and democratic society.

Goals/Objectives: Art & Creative Process for All, Vibrant Communities, Thriving Arts Ecosystem, and Excellence and Innovation.

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WHO WE ARE

6
Full-time
Team Members

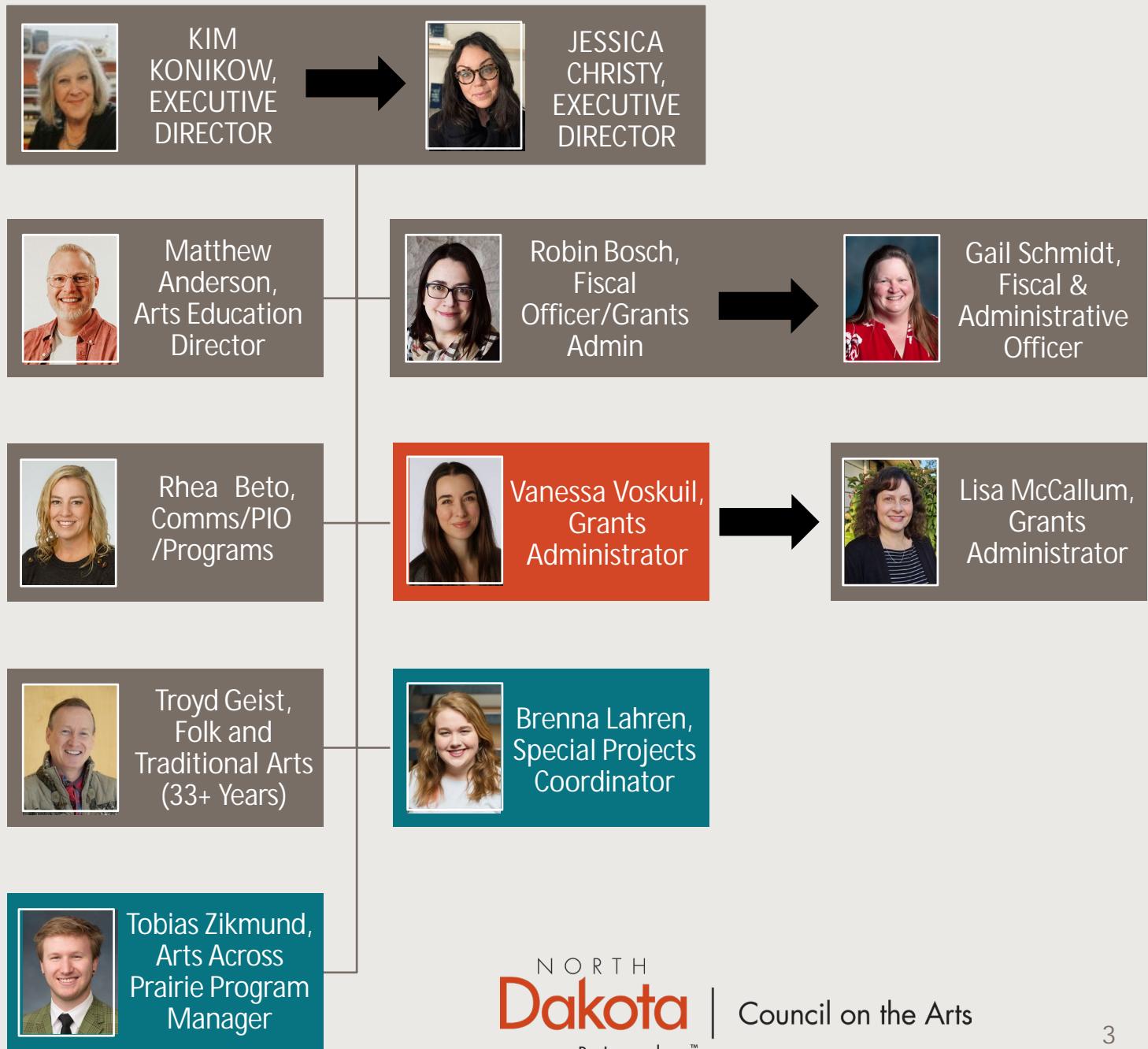
2
Temporary/Full-time
Team Members

1
Part-time
Team Member



Denotes a change of Team Member during Biennium

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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WHO WE SERVE



Individual Artists:
... and Artist Collectives
with Fiscal Sponsors



**Rural and Urban
Communities:**
As small as Sentinel Butte
and as large as Fargo



Educational Institutions:
Pre-K thru 12th Grade, After
School Programs, Regional
Education Associations



**Correctional and Elder
Care Facilities:**
Arts in Justice and Art for
Life programs for all ages



Organizations:
Nonprofit, Arts, and
Culture

Diverse Communities:
Including Indigenous and
Immigrant populations
across the state



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WHAT WE DO



Grantmaking

9 varied grant application programs funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and ND State Legislature.



Annual and Biennial Events

Governor's Awards for the Arts, Statewide Arts Convening, Governor's Photo Contest, Poetry Out Loud, and ND Poet Laureate.



Exhibitions

Artist displays at Capitol-18th floor, and on State Highways; Exhibits at Heritage Center; and State Art Collection displayed at office.



Communications & Training

Monthly e-news, ongoing social media, Prairie Public broadcasts; online Professional Development webinars.



Arts Across the Prairie: Placemaking in Rural ND

First Statewide public art program in the country; Create 8 rural installations based on ND Cultural Heritage; Strengthen counties and regions; Spur economic development.



Fiscal Partnerships

Agreements with State Agencies and community organizations to expand reach, address current societal issues including Sacred Pipe Resource Center, Prairie Public and ND Corrections.

North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) administers an average of ten grant programs at a time, supporting artists, educators, and organizations statewide. It also manages key initiatives like Arts Across the Prairie, the state's Poet Laureate program, and Poetry Out Loud. NDCA curates exhibitions at the State Capitol and organizes major events such as the Governor's Awards for the Arts, the Statewide Art Convening, and the Governor's Photo Contest.

The agency maintains active communication through monthly e-newsletters, social media, and public broadcasts, and offers professional development via webinars and training sessions. NDCA also collaborates with a wide range of fiscal and community partners to expand its reach and address current societal needs.

These partnerships include state agencies like Health & Human Services, Commerce/Tourism, and the Department of Transportation, as well as organizations such as Prairie Public, Sacred Pipe Resource Center, and ND Corrections. Through these efforts, NDCA ensures that the arts remain accessible, relevant, and integrated into the fabric of North Dakota communities.

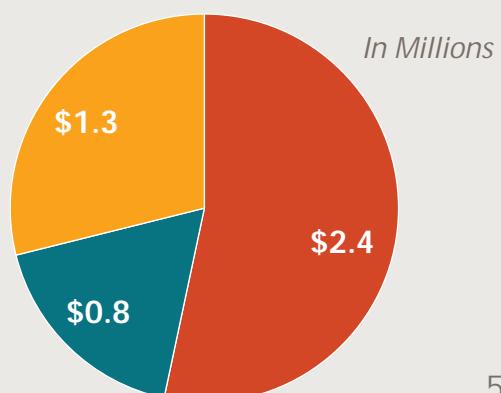
HOW WE DO IT

Total Agency Budget:
\$4,547,019

- § General: \$2,597,019
- § Special: \$80,000
- § Federal: \$1,870,000

(23-25 Biennium)

- Grants
- Operating
- Salaries



WHAT WE'RE PROUD OF

1

Arts Across the Prairie Creative Placemaking Initiative
8 works in all 8 regions; Community-driven Training for local artists

2

On the Edge of the Wind: Native Storytellers and the Land

7,000 visitors a month

3

Arts in Justice Program
provides immersive educational arts experiences for youth in corrections

4

Densmore Lakota Song Repatriation Project
in partnership with Dakota Legacy and the Bush Foundation

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Afterschool Arts Learning
program provides education outside of school hours

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Sacred Pipe Resource Center Partnership
18-month professional development opportunity for Indigenous artists

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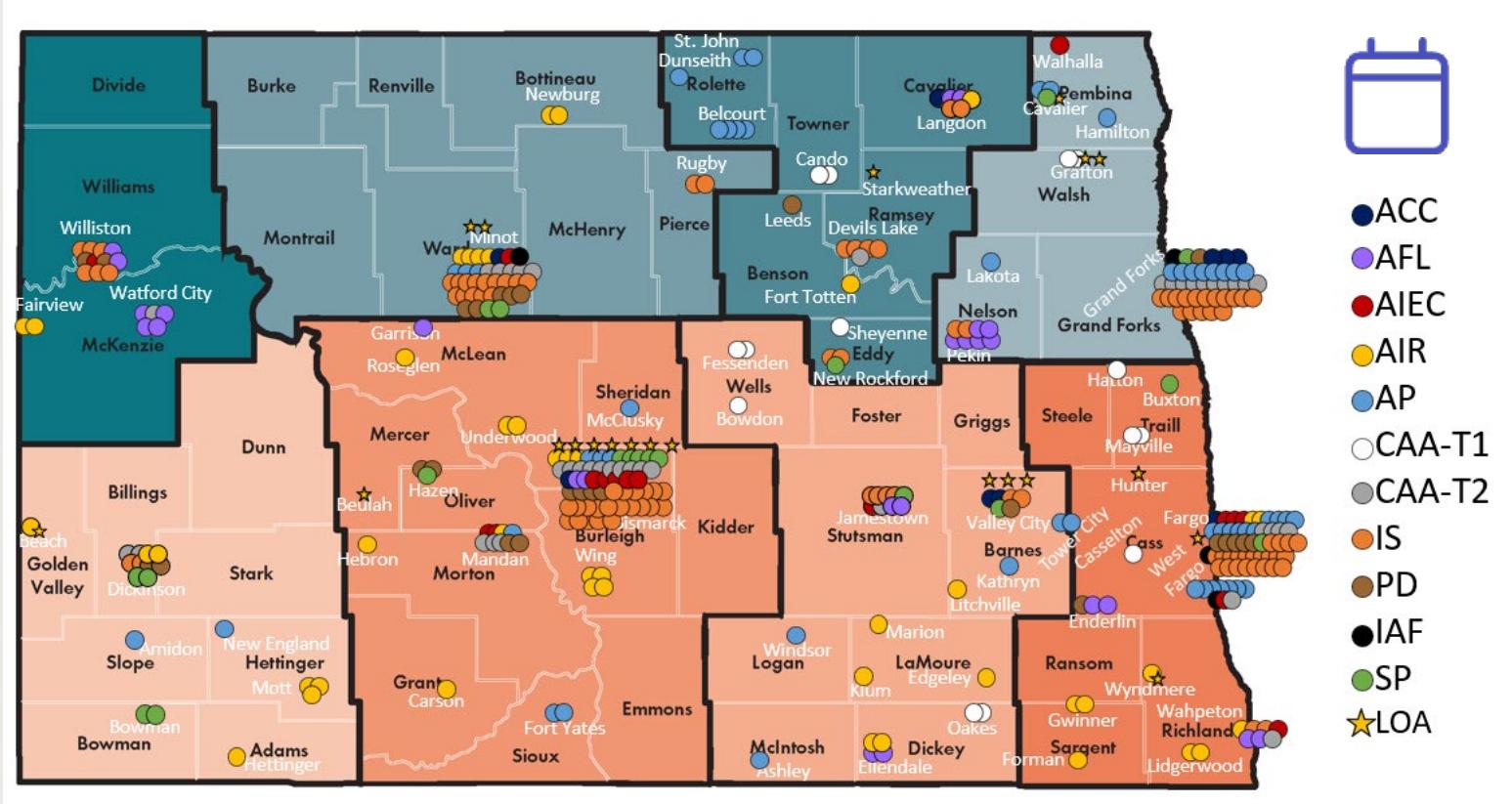
Arts Labs for Youth (ALFY) Program
provides arts education and professional development for educators

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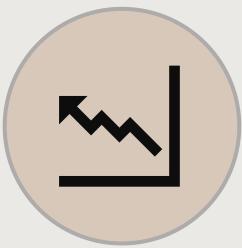
Chainz to Changed
podcast hosted by residents of the men's correctional center

GRANT/FUNDING IMPACT

400+ Grants - All 8 Regions



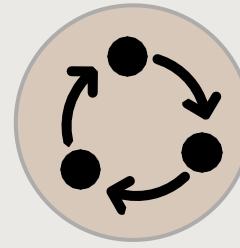
ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ARTS IN NORTH DAKOTA



\$1.6B +



12,955



\$32.50

2.22% of North Dakota's economy*

per person, per event**

**data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis*

***data from the Americans for the Arts Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 study*

SESSION CHANGES

2023-25 Appropriations

- **\$106,430** for leave payout for retiring staff
- **\$84,000** for *Arts Across the Prairie* statewide trainings
- **\$16,000** for *Arts Across the Prairie* permits
- **\$40,000** for strategic planning
- **\$12,500** for office IT equipment and furniture

State funds appropriated to NDCA rose over 54% (\$915,705) from the prior biennium

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