



**Lower  
Manhattan  
Cultural  
Council**

EMPOWERING ARTISTS,  
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

## **FUNDRAISING FUNDAMENTALS**

*The Funding Ecosystem: What You Should Know Before You Start Fundraising – March 2015*

### **GOVERNMENT SOURCES OF ARTS FUNDING**

#### **LOCAL: NEW YORK CITY'S FIVE BOROUGH ARTS COUNCILS**

Each borough in New York City has an arts council that distributes city and state funding for local arts projects. Although the arts councils are all independent nonprofit organizations (not governmental agencies), this is the first place many artists and small arts groups go to secure public support for their projects. In addition to these funds, the arts councils each offer a range of artist services and programs.

- **Manhattan:** Lower Manhattan Cultural Council  
[www.lmcc.net](http://www.lmcc.net)
- **Brooklyn:** Brooklyn Arts Council  
[www.brooklynartscouncil.org](http://www.brooklynartscouncil.org)
- **Bronx:** Bronx Council on the Arts  
[www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org)
- **Queens:** Queens Council on the Arts  
[www.queenscouncilarts.org](http://www.queenscouncilarts.org)
- **Staten Island:** Staten Island Arts (COAHSI)  
[www.statenislandarts.org](http://www.statenislandarts.org)

#### **CITY: NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs is dedicated to supporting and strengthening New York City's vibrant cultural life. Among its primary missions is to ensure adequate public funding for non-profit cultural organizations, both large and small, throughout the five boroughs.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcla/html/home/home.shtml>

#### **STATE: NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

NYSCA is a state agency that makes over 2500 grants each year to arts organizations in every arts discipline throughout the state. NYSCA's goal is to bring high-quality artistic programs to the citizens of the state through supporting the activities of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. Its individual artists program provides grants to artists through a fiscal sponsor.

[www.nysca.org](http://www.nysca.org)

## **REGIONAL: U.S. REGIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

The U.S. Regional Arts Organizations are six non-profit entities created to encourage development of the arts and to support arts programs on a regional basis. Partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, these organizations provide technical assistance to member state arts agencies, support and promote artists and arts organizations, and develop and manage arts initiatives on local, regional, national and international levels.

- MidAtlantic Arts Foundation (includes NY) [www.midatlanticarts.org](http://www.midatlanticarts.org)
- New England Foundation for the Arts [www.nefa.org](http://www.nefa.org)
- Southern Arts Federation [www.southarts.org](http://www.southarts.org)
- Arts Midwest [www.artsmidwest.org](http://www.artsmidwest.org)
- Mid-America Arts Alliance [www.maaa.org](http://www.maaa.org)
- Western Arts Alliance (WAA) [www.westarts.org](http://www.westarts.org)

## **FEDERAL: NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases. The Endowment directly funds individuals in the area of literary arts.

[www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov)