

**MASSCreative advocates for a well-resourced and equitable creative sector that is essential to the economic and civic vibrancy of Massachusetts.**

## Federal

- Invest in the Cultural Sector and Creative Workforce <sup>1</sup>
  - Direct COVID-19 specific recovery funds to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Institute for Library and Museum Services (IMLS).
  - Ensure the creative economy is explicitly included in existing policy, rules, and regulations.
  - Overhaul outdated employment, insurance, food, and housing policies to make them more inclusive of the more than 55 million independent workers, including the bulk of the 5.1 million creative workers in the country.
- Increase the annual budget of the NEA, NEH and IMLS.
- Prioritize the Nonprofit Sector's Recovery <sup>2</sup>
  - Provide nonprofit-specific grants, forgivable loans, and refundable tax credits for all nonprofits.
  - Strengthen charitable giving incentives and significantly increasing the cap on the above-the-line deduction, extend it at least through 2022, and preserve the itemized charitable contribution deduction
  - Increase the federal unemployment insurance reimbursement for self-insured or reimbursing nonprofits to 100% of costs retroactively to 2020 and extend the relief through the first three quarters of 2021.

## STATE

- Support and quickly enact SD.2105 An Act to Rebuild the Commonwealth's Cultural Future<sup>3</sup>
- Prioritize and increase the annual budget of the Mass Cultural Council.
- Fully fund public education to ensure schools do not cut or reduce time on learning for arts education<sup>4</sup>
- Advocate for reopening guidelines and processes that take into account the business models and needs of the creative sector.
  - Advocate for a creative sector reopening work group to support the work of the Reopening Advisory Board and the Baker Administration.
- Support SD.1226 and HD,1848 An Act to Establish a Massachusetts Public Art Program<sup>5</sup>
- Support An Act to Expand Membership Opportunities in Local Cultural Councils.<sup>6</sup>

## For Further Information

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### STATE

[3] "Action Alert: The Commonwealth Cultural Future Act" MASSCreative. Accessed at: <https://www.mass-creative.org/sd2105ccfa>

[4] "Arts ARE Education Campaign" Arts ART Education. Accessed at: <https://www.artsareeducation.org>

[5] "Massachusetts Public Art Program" MASSCreative. Accessed at: <https://www.mass-creative.org/mpap>

[6] "Expand Local Cultural Council Membership Opportunities" Mass Cultural Council. Accessed at: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/blog/help-us-expand-local-cultural-council-membership-opportunities/>