

Sample Letter to Governor

(Today's Date)

The Honorable
Governor
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Kehoe:

On behalf of Missouri Citizens for the Arts, I would like to thank you for your increased funding for the Missouri Arts Council for Fiscal Year 2025. The arts positively contribute to Missouri's economy. In FY2024, MAC funding supported 476 grants that created over 5,000 full and part-time jobs and hired over 54,000 artists. MAC grantees paid over \$140 million in salaries, which generated \$4.2 million in state income tax revenues. MAC grantees generated over \$208 million in organizations' revenue.

In an effort to increase the impact of the arts in Missouri, the Missouri Citizens for the Arts is respectfully requesting \$12 million in funding for Fiscal Year 2024. This would be a \$1.9 million increase to fund new and existing programs at the Missouri Arts Council.

MAC grantees held projects in 192 cities at 1,960 project locations across the state attended by 4.2 million people. The arts clearly improve quality of life in all communities and make Missouri a better place to locate businesses.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for the Arts! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Missouri Citizens for the Arts' Governmental Affairs Consultant, Kyna Iman at 314-651-1185.

Respectfully,