

We urge the State of Illinois to **dedicate \$300 million**  
**from ARP over the next three years**  
**to the Illinois' creative sector**

**This proposal is strongly supported by a diverse, statewide coalition. Leadership Coalition Partners:**

2112 Creative Incubator  
Actor's Equity Association  
African American Arts Alliance of Chicago  
American Guild of Musical Artists - Midwest  
Arts Alliance Illinois  
Art Connected / Illinois High School Art Exhibition  
Association of Midwest Museums  
Chicago Cultural Alliance  
Chicago Federation of Musicians  
Chicago Independent Venue League (CIVL)  
Chicago Latino Theatre Alliance  
Chicago - SAG/AFTRA  
Forefront  
IATSE - Local 2  
Illinois Arts Education Association (IAEA)  
Illinois Association of Museums  
Illinois Dance Education Organization (ILDEO)  
Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA)  
Illinois Presenters Network (ILPN)  
Ingenuity, Inc.  
Landmarks Illinois  
League of Chicago Theatres  
Local Arts Network (LAN)  
Museums in the Park  
National Independent Venue Association (NIVA), Illinois Chapter  
See Chicago Dance

The pain of COVID is continuing. Creative organizations and businesses lost 31% or more of their revenue in 2021, many creative workers have lost more than half of their income and these losses are continuing with Omicron cancellations and postponements in 2022.

### **Illinois must be competitive.**

Other states have taken action: Oregon, North Carolina, New York, and California, to name a few. New York passed a one-year budget giving their arts sector over \$200 million in dedicated funds, plus access to \$800 million in recovery grants. California legislators have enacted a \$600 million ARP package for their state's creative sector.

### **It's time for Illinois to step up and directly support this state's creative sector.**

Investment should prioritize Black, Indigenous, people of color, rural, and other disproportionately impacted communities.

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