

# Louisville Metro Local Arts Agency



# Profile of Local Arts Agencies

There are approximately 4,500 Local Arts Agencies (LAAs) across the nation that promote, support, and develop the arts at a local level, ensuring a vital presence for the arts throughout America's communities. LAA's sustain the health and vitality of the arts and artists locally, while also striving to make the arts accessible to all members of the community.

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# LAAs have different names:

- Arts Council, Arts & Humanities Council, Cultural Council
  - Arts Commission, Cultural Commission, Heritage Commission
  - Cultural Affairs Department
  - Arts Center
  - United Arts Fund
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# LAAs operate in many different forms:

- Within a city or county government agency, department, or division
  - Nonprofit 501(c)3 organization
  - Private community organization
  - For-profit organization
  - Hybrid nonprofit/for-profit partnership or organization
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# Functions of Local Arts Agencies

1. Advocacy and Policy
2. Facilities Development and Management
3. Funding and Financing
4. Partnerships and Planning
5. Programs and Events
6. Services
7. Visibility





## Why Louisville Needs an LAA

To gain access to additional federal funding opportunities.

To reinforce the level of importance that Louisville places on the arts.

To establish a central hub for all community arts organizations.

# Urban Arts Federation

A program of Americans for the Arts, the United States Urban Arts Federation is composed of the executive leaders of the designated local arts agency in the largest 60 cities by population across the country. These leaders advocate, network, and meet to discuss the social, educational, and economic impact of the arts in their region.



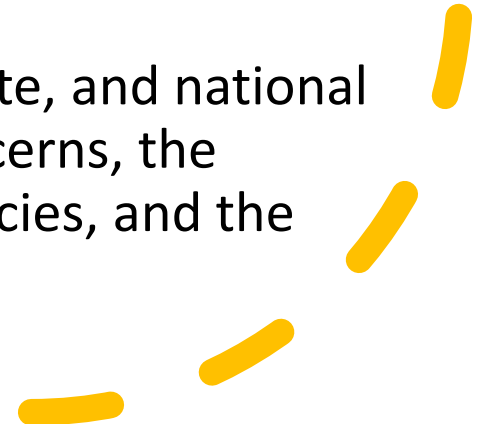
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## Goals

Establish and exchange information around innovation in the field in the areas of public policy, programming, outreach, arts education, and fundraising by sharing and advancing equitable practices.

Share equitable practices on risk-taking that generate meaningful public and private sector policies that collectively strengthen local communities in the United States.

Act as advocates on arts issues on local, state, and national levels to bring awareness of local-level concerns, the strength of working through local arts agencies, and the value of the arts.





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## Membership Criteria

- ☑ The LAA must be the designated agency in an eligible city.
- ☑ The LAA must be a full-service agency providing an array of the following:
  - Competitive grantmaking
  - Public Art
  - Technical Assistance
  - Facilities Management
  - Arts Education Programs
  - Cultural Tourism Programs
  - Other Services

