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Funding Secured Through NYS Council on the Arts in State Budget, Which Distributed More Than \$110 Million Across New York

ASTORIA, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced more than \$649,000 in state funding for arts programs through the New York State Council on the Arts. Funding will go to 22 organizations and programs throughout western Queens.

“The arts are the soul of western Queens and supporting this community is critical to our economic vitality,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I am pleased so many groups are receiving support, and that the New York State Council on the Arts is using the Legislature’s investment in our own community.”

The full list of organizations and awards is found [here](#).

Senator Gianaris has been an avid supporter of the arts and culture throughout New York, each year securing sizable funding for the Council on the Arts in the state budget and ensuring substantial amounts return to Queens. Additionally, Senator Gianaris secured over \$5 million in funding for the Museum of the Moving Image, a western Queens landmark.

About the New York State Council on the Arts

NYSCA preserves and advances the arts and culture that make New York State an exceptional place to live, work and visit. The Council upholds the right of all New Yorkers to experience the vital contributions the arts make to our communities, education, economic development, and quality of life.

NYSCA further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter [@NYSCArts](#) and Instagram [@NYSCouncilontheArts](#).

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