Community Residents Survey on Arts & Culture November 2025

The survey was conducted from October 22 to November 11, 2025 and received 117 responses.

The largest group- 41% of respondents were age 65+ followed by 20% of respondents ages 45-54 and 16% of respondents ages 55-64. We had 0 respondent ages 24 and under.

The vast majority live in the 42001-42003 zip codes. They overwhelmingly were interested in Arts and Culture with 22% identifying as artists.

They overwhelmingly believe arts and culture are extremely or very important. 43% participate in the arts monthly with 30% participating weekly.

84% identified theatre/ drama and music/concerts as the most attended with festivals/fairs attendance ranking second with 67%.

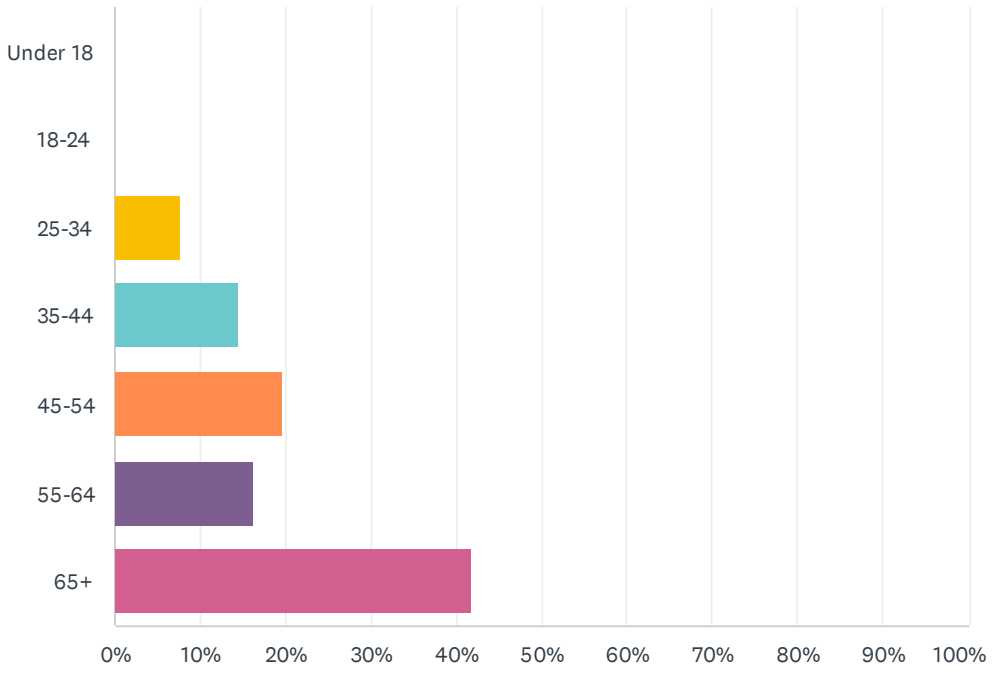
Their biggest barrier to participating in the arts was lack of information followed closely by schedule conflicts. Cost was ranked third with 38%.

Respondents prioritized city resources helping local arts organizations as the highest followed by helping festivals/community events as second, affordable performance and exhibition space third and public art installations as fourth.

41% of respondents said the Creative Council should prioritize increasing public awareness and marketing of local arts.

Q1 What is your age range?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	7.69%	9
35-44	14.53%	17
45-54	19.66%	23
55-64	16.24%	19
65+	41.88%	49
TOTAL		117

Q2 What is your ZIP code (or neighborhood)?[Short answer]

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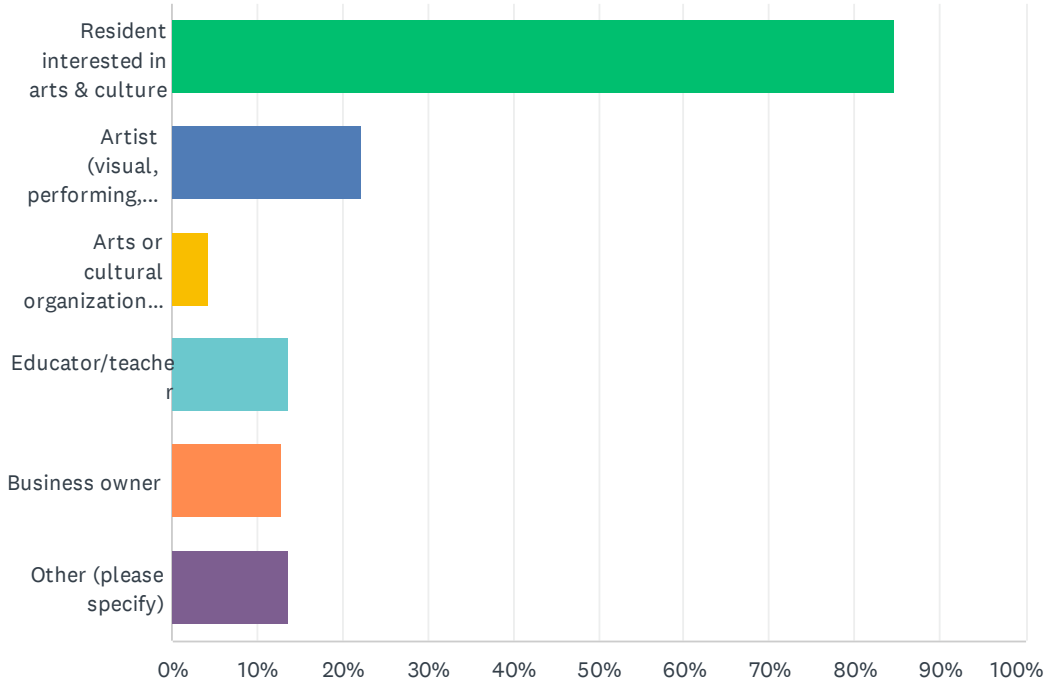
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Q3 Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)

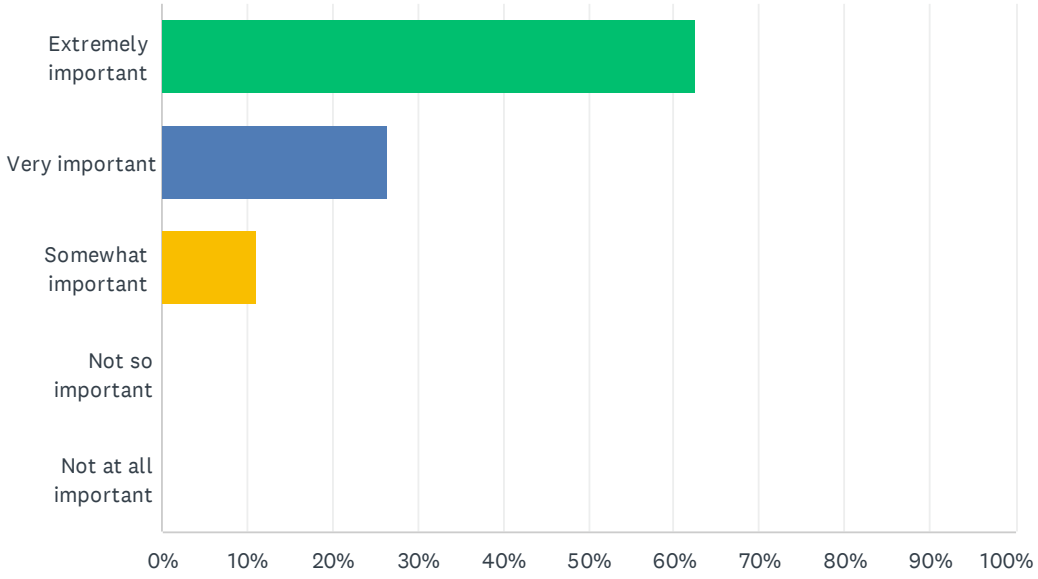
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident interested in arts & culture	84.62%	99
Artist (visual, performing, literary, digital, etc.)	22.22%	26
Arts or cultural organization representative	4.27%	5
Educator/teacher	13.68%	16
Business owner	12.82%	15
Other (please specify)	13.68%	16
Total Respondents: 117		

Q4 How important are arts and culture to quality of life in our community?

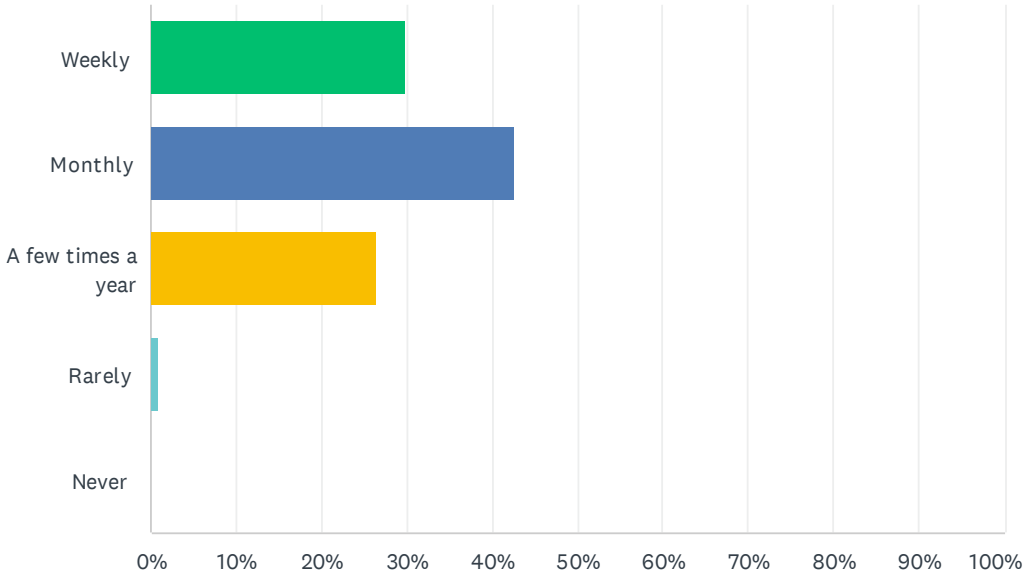
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	62.39%	73
Very important	26.50%	31
Somewhat important	11.11%	13
Not so important	0.00%	0
Not at all important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		117

Q5 How often do you participate in arts or cultural activities (attending performances, visiting museums, reading, creating art, etc.)?

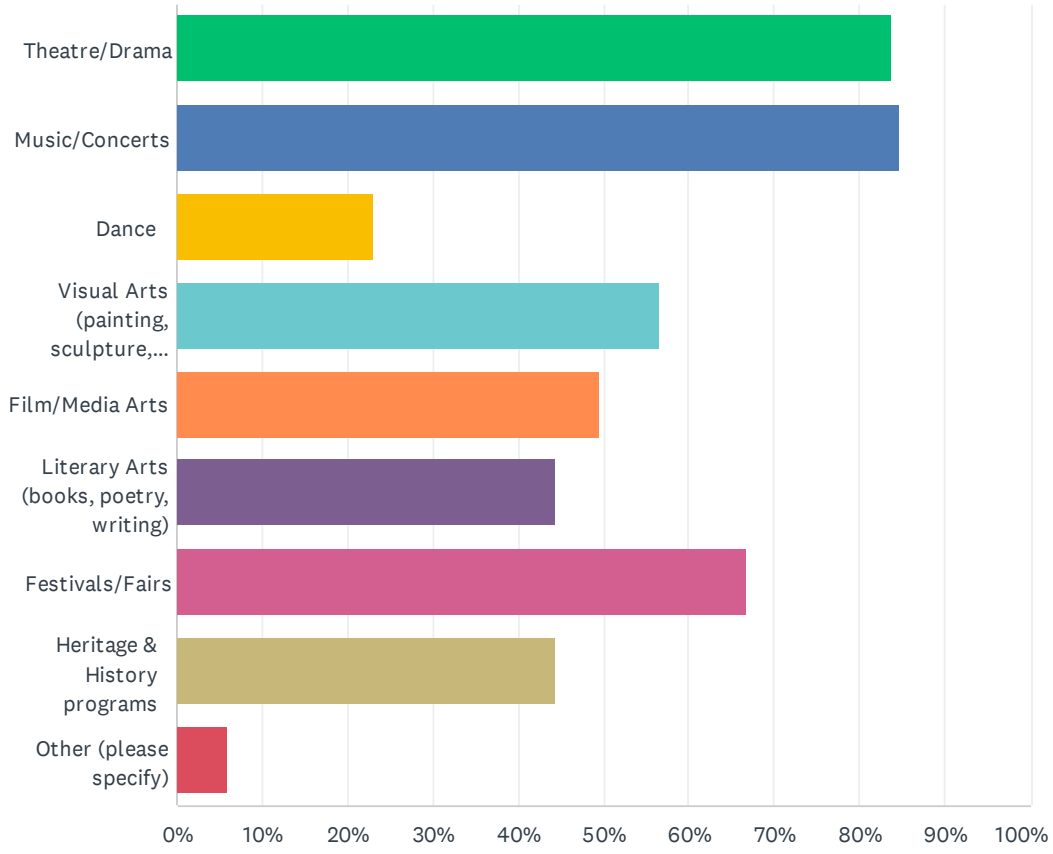
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Weekly	29.91%	35
Monthly	42.74%	50
A few times a year	26.50%	31
Rarely	0.85%	1
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		117

Q6 What types of arts and cultural activities do you most enjoy? (Check all that apply)

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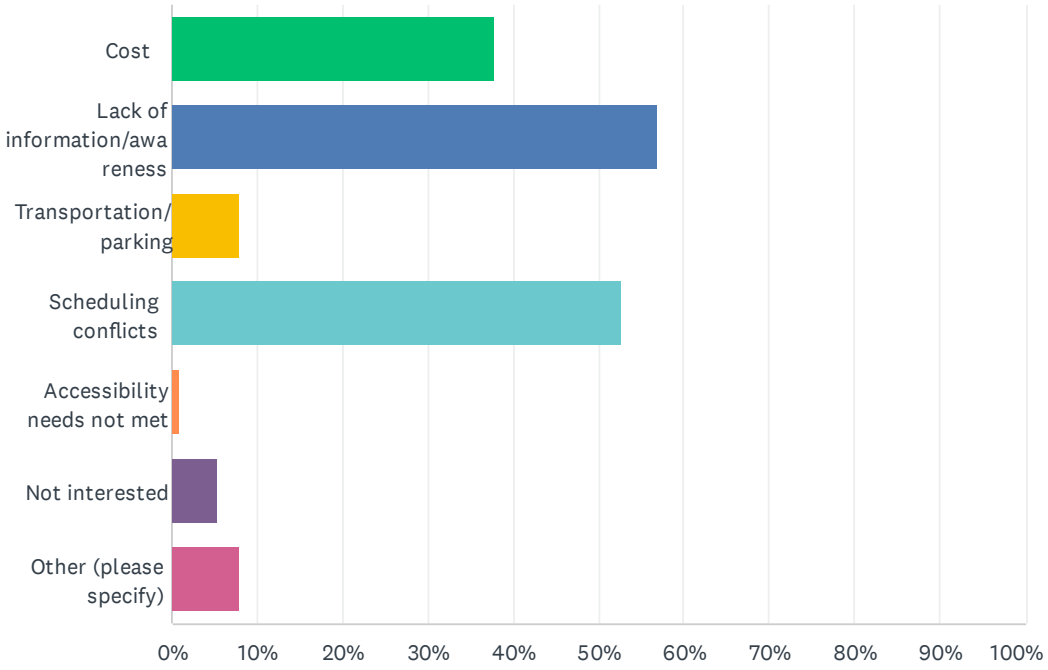
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Theatre/Drama	83.76%	98
Music/Concerts	84.62%	99
Dance	23.08%	27
Visual Arts (painting, sculpture, photography, etc.)	56.41%	66
Film/Media Arts	49.57%	58
Literary Arts (books, poetry, writing)	44.44%	52
Festivals/Fairs	66.67%	78
Heritage & History programs	44.44%	52
Other (please specify)	5.98%	7
Total Respondents: 117		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE

1	Tours, such as the DOE tour	10/28/2025 3:51 PM
2	Architecture	10/26/2025 7:52 AM
3	All above	10/24/2025 6:19 PM
4	Quilt Show	10/23/2025 1:55 PM
5	DIY workshops, paint your own pottery, crafts, etc	10/23/2025 11:52 AM
6	Art Classes	10/22/2025 6:46 PM
7	Talks/symposiums	10/22/2025 5:33 PM

Q7 What are the biggest barriers preventing you (or others) from participating in arts and cultural events?

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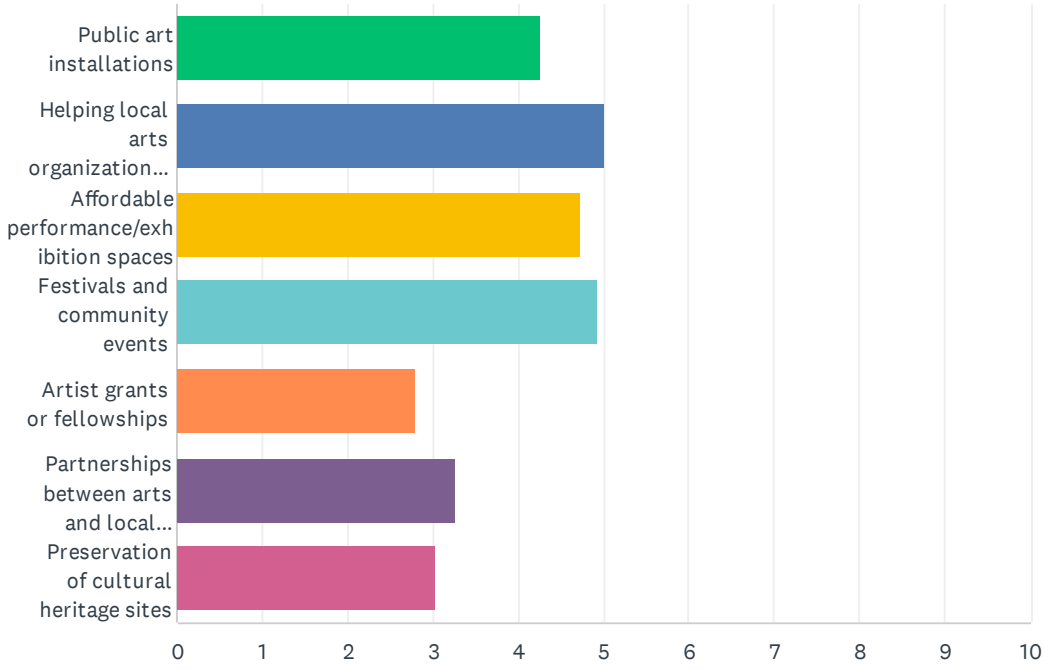
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cost	37.72%	43
Lack of information/awareness	57.02%	65
Transportation/parking	7.89%	9
Scheduling conflicts	52.63%	60
Accessibility needs not met	0.88%	1
Not interested	5.26%	6
Other (please specify)	7.89%	9
Total Respondents: 114		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Weather and some event vendor pricing	10/28/2025 3:51 PM
2	When someone is interested there are no barriers.	10/25/2025 6:37 AM
3	Living an hour away impacts our ability to come regularly.	10/23/2025 5:25 PM
4	Not interesting. When an event is deaign jist to walk around and see booths of vendors itsnot interesting.	10/23/2025 4:21 PM
5	I really struggle to know when events are happening even though I am on various mailing lists and social media. Where is the information posted??	10/23/2025 2:02 PM

6	It needs to be family friendly	10/23/2025 12:45 PM
7	Intimidation - we have very talented trained artists in this area . It's intimidating for "everyday" artists to join workshops and classes	10/23/2025 11:52 AM
8	Distance from city...50 miles	10/22/2025 6:46 PM
9	Not enough choices/variety	10/22/2025 5:33 PM

Q8 Which resources do you think the city should prioritize supporting?

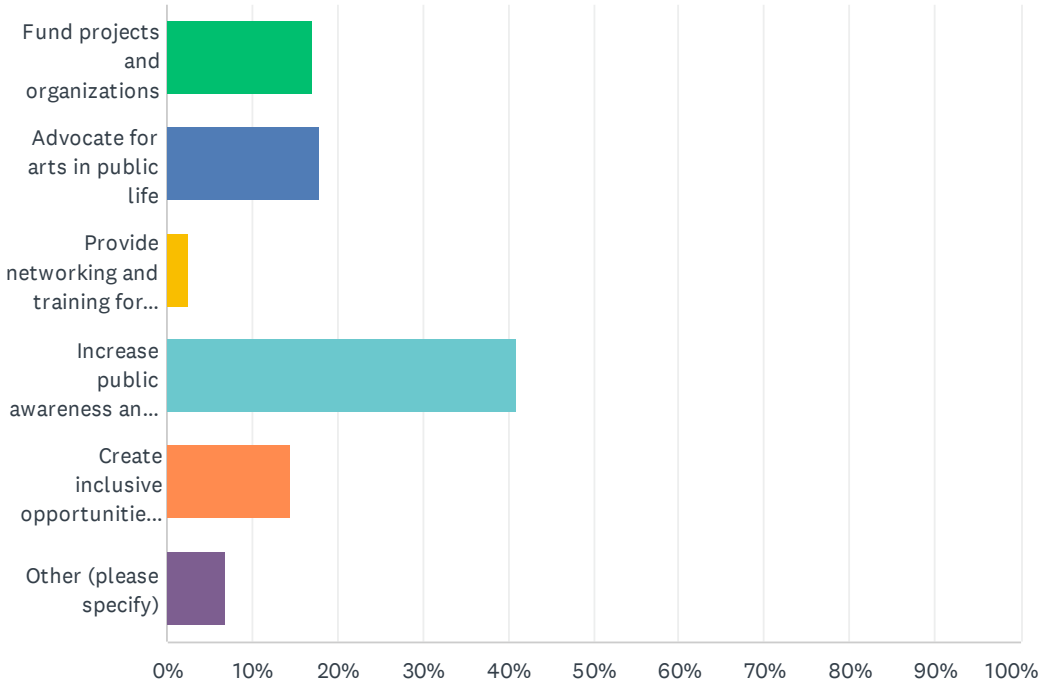
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Public art installations	22.22% 26	9.40% 11	15.38% 18	16.24% 19	11.11% 13	12.82% 15	12.82% 15	117	4.26
Helping local arts organizations provide arts education in schools	27.35% 32	15.38% 18	22.22% 26	14.53% 17	9.40% 11	8.55% 10	2.56% 3	117	5.01
Affordable performance/exhibition spaces	14.53% 17	23.08% 27	21.37% 25	19.66% 23	9.40% 11	7.69% 9	4.27% 5	117	4.74
Festivals and community events	21.37% 25	22.22% 26	17.95% 21	16.24% 19	12.82% 15	6.84% 8	2.56% 3	117	4.92
Artist grants or fellowships	1.71% 2	3.42% 4	10.26% 12	9.40% 11	28.21% 33	27.35% 32	19.66% 23	117	2.80
Partnerships between arts and local businesses	5.13% 6	11.11% 13	7.69% 9	14.53% 17	20.51% 24	23.93% 28	17.09% 20	117	3.26
Preservation of cultural heritage sites	7.69% 9	15.38% 18	5.13% 6	9.40% 11	8.55% 10	12.82% 15	41.03% 48	117	3.02

Q9 What role should the Creative and Cultural Council play in supporting arts and culture?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fund projects and organizations	17.09%	20
Advocate for arts in public life	17.95%	21
Provide networking and training for artists	2.56%	3
Increase public awareness and marketing	41.03%	48
Create inclusive opportunities for all ages/backgrounds	14.53%	17
Other (please specify)	6.84%	8
TOTAL		117

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Widen the range from local artists to worldwide artists (e.g., Quilt Museum's drawing of worldwide quilters)	10/28/2025 3:51 PM
2	Keep city officials aware of cultural offerings and artist and arts organizations aware of exhibit and grant opportunities	10/27/2025 3:06 PM
3	All of the above!	10/23/2025 5:25 PM
4	Family friendly	10/23/2025 12:45 PM
5	Include DIY art studios and workshops so that people are not only inspired by talented local art but can participate in art.	10/23/2025 11:52 AM

6	All of the above - fund, advocate, promote, create, inform	10/23/2025 10:26 AM
7	The council should do all of the above, not selecting one	10/23/2025 10:01 AM
8	Do what the community wants	10/22/2025 5:33 PM

Q10 What existing arts or cultural resources in our city should more people know about?[Open response]

Answered: 62 Skipped: 55

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	PSCAD	11/1/2025 10:04 AM
2	All of the public art available for free to see. And all the artists working in Paducah who have no way to get their art out to the public.	10/31/2025 11:53 AM
3	Yeiser	10/29/2025 10:06 PM
4	I think there should be more done to promote the wonderful museums we have here and their educational programs. Most of the past attention has been on performance organizations like the Carson Center and Market House THeater. The City should do more to get the word out about the Quilt Museum, Hotel Metropolitan and River Discovery Center.	10/29/2025 9:11 AM
5	All LOCAL arts!	10/29/2025 8:54 AM
6	the small, dedicated businesses who promote the arts, opportunities available to be involved , ways to support restoration of historic Columbia theatre, plans to promote unique architecture & history, knowledge of and drawing interest in Paducah's rich music history	10/28/2025 12:42 PM
7	Available museums, tours, downtown activities	10/28/2025 6:20 AM
8	More information about market house , and events in general.	10/26/2025 2:20 PM
9	I don’t know that the case has been made for the value of arts & culture and how it provides stability and a shared sense of community. An opportunity to bring young minds into the community - thinking the old young historians clubs that helped raise a generation of adults that valued our architecture and history. Unfortunately the lack of this value is now resulting in the destruction of historic landmarks . This seems to be an immediate need and I’m surprised we don’t see the arts and culture council leading the way.	10/26/2025 7:52 AM
10	Lower town artists	10/25/2025 10:03 AM
11	The Yeiser, Art Guild, PAPA Gallery, the ART school	10/25/2025 6:37 AM
12	don't know	10/24/2025 9:44 PM
13	PAPA	10/24/2025 7:17 PM
14	The Market House	10/24/2025 7:10 PM
15	Awareness of importance of economic, educational and improvement in daily	10/24/2025 6:19 PM
16	The Yeiser, Maiden Alley, and business that hosts live music	10/24/2025 11:12 AM
17	11 Year Itch	10/24/2025 10:40 AM
18	Market House Theatre; places where art is sold; artist spotlights	10/23/2025 9:42 PM
19	Art festival and heritage festivals	10/23/2025 9:01 PM
20	More people need to know that Classical Music is for everyone. The proletariat need to hear that Classical Music is for everyone. Classical Music is for all people-groups of Humanity. PSO has a program for Folk who previously did not have access to the joys of Classical Music. Instruments, and lessons, are provided to the poor kids. If the proletariat and other Folk would rather listen to Gangster Rap, then at least it is out of choice.	10/23/2025 8:38 PM
21	The symphony. It would be great to offer some community groups or church groups free one-time tickets to let them experience it and hopefully get season ticket holders as a result. I also think Maiden Alley could benefit from the public having better awareness of what movies are	10/23/2025 6:31 PM

	coming ahead of time. Some of the special Christian performances at the Carson Center were stellar but there didn't seem to be much public awareness of them.	
22	Events in downtown. Lower town arts festival. Murals	10/23/2025 5:25 PM
23	Museums and history, nature spaces, learning opportunities	10/23/2025 4:21 PM
24	Local businesses in the downtown area need to be spotlighted more	10/23/2025 3:00 PM
25	McCracken Co Library programs PSAD classes/workshops for the public Hotel Metropolitan	10/23/2025 2:34 PM
26	Donovan scholarships for classes for seniors	10/23/2025 2:15 PM
27	Market House, Paducah Symphony Orchestra, Quilt Museum, River Discovery Center, Verticality, Floodwall Murals, etc.	10/23/2025 2:11 PM
28	Market House Theatre	10/23/2025 2:09 PM
29	I don’t know what the options are	10/23/2025 2:02 PM
30	This council. i.e. who are the members and what is the mission, plus how can others get involved.	10/23/2025 1:55 PM
31	Market House Theater's extensive offerings	10/23/2025 1:48 PM
32	Art in the park	10/23/2025 12:45 PM
33	It should not be so difficult to find information - why is there not a central source that all marketing can point to to find what, where, when, and how?	10/23/2025 12:01 PM
34	Classes at the extension office, local diy studios (Pour Room, Make, Better Than Ever, etc)	10/23/2025 11:52 AM
35	Free events hosted by the parks and recreation department or by the city - need more advertising of events	10/23/2025 10:26 AM
36	MHT, PSO, MAC	10/23/2025 9:58 AM
37	All items of interest! Anyone outside the "art circle" is out of the info loop.	10/23/2025 9:01 AM
38	Quilt museum, market house museum, Hotel Metropolitan, art in places such as churches and hospitals	10/23/2025 8:20 AM
39	Market house Paducah arts	10/23/2025 7:36 AM
40	Market House Theatre, educational performances (in publics schools and privately owned performance schools)	10/23/2025 7:35 AM
41	All of them!	10/23/2025 7:08 AM
42	Maiden alley theater events	10/23/2025 6:48 AM
43	Plays and concerts at all the venues	10/23/2025 5:57 AM
44	All resources	10/23/2025 4:18 AM
45	Hotel Metropolitan	10/23/2025 3:31 AM
46	Market house theatre, Paducah Symphony and their activities	10/22/2025 10:01 PM
47	All of the museums	10/22/2025 9:33 PM
48	All forms of art.	10/22/2025 9:12 PM
49	Maiden Alley	10/22/2025 8:55 PM
50	As a UNESCO city for folk arts like quilting, we should be getting/attracting more quilting/fiber art businesses and artists to Paducah.	10/22/2025 8:53 PM
51	The Art Guild and how it works	10/22/2025 8:47 PM
52	Plays	10/22/2025 7:31 PM
53	I often hear people say there’s “nowhere to perform” or “no space to create,” but in reality, there are venues available if we better connect artists to them and reshape the narrative about	10/22/2025 6:49 PM

	access. We also have institutions like the Paducah School of Art & Design and Market House Theatre that offer specialized facilities and equipment, which could serve a wider creative public through workshops or open studio models. The challenge isn't infrastructure; it's awareness, communication, and the assumption that you have to be "in the club" to participate. By spotlighting these resources and fostering transparent partnerships, we can grow a more connected creative community.	
54	School of art community Ed classes, art guild classes, extension classes, free programs	10/22/2025 6:46 PM
55	Maiden Alley Cinema. Support independent film!	10/22/2025 6:42 PM
56	Market House Theater, Allen Music, BLOOM Initiative, etc	10/22/2025 6:18 PM
57	Everything offered at the Market House Theater	10/22/2025 6:16 PM
58	Market House, museums, free performances by jazz band	10/22/2025 5:42 PM
59	River front history	10/22/2025 5:41 PM
60	All of them	10/22/2025 5:33 PM
61	Lowertown Arts and music festival	10/22/2025 5:28 PM
62	Alternative Media	10/22/2025 5:18 PM

Q11 What new programs, events, or resources would you like to see offered in the future?[Open response]

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More public art opportunities specifically for local artists.	11/7/2025 12:00 PM
2	Art walks, much like cocktail trail, to help people discover the various art offered in downtown and Lowertown. Would love to see a building downtown turned into affordable rental spaces for artists to work.	11/1/2025 10:04 AM
3	Some kind of Art Walk on the River from like St Louis and Chicago do every year.	10/31/2025 11:53 AM
4	Work with the Art Guild of Paducah to put on a local fine art and craft juried show, maybe at City Hall that could grow into a big deal.	10/29/2025 8:54 AM
5	Art Court (similar to a Food Court, such as the renovation ideas of the DT US Bank bldg) where all artists/art collectors (not just local) can exhibit their works/products.	10/28/2025 3:51 PM
6	Special guest artists, additional murals, public art, art series with guest, collaborations & unique partnerships	10/28/2025 12:42 PM
7	More Ghost Tours and History Tours of Paducah	10/28/2025 6:20 AM
8	I would love to see more "Pay What You Can" events modeled on what PSO is doing.	10/27/2025 8:20 AM
9	More programs for people with small children toddler age.	10/26/2025 2:20 PM
10	Architectural Walking tours perhaps? More public art - making the city stick to developing the art pocket garden on market house square and seems like there was another development they were supposed to do on Broadway. I think the city could get back to being a champion and supporter even in offering free services for cultural events like power to art festivals and barricades and such. There used to be this shared value that these events brought commerce and people and value to the community. It seems they (festivals) all struggle now and are disappearing.	10/26/2025 7:52 AM
11	Anything geared toward the Youth - they bring in the adults.	10/25/2025 6:37 AM
12	don't know	10/24/2025 9:44 PM
13	More seasonal performances	10/24/2025 7:10 PM
14	Collaborating of all art organizations; universal documents for all arts organizations - support of city, county and businesses/ understand impact of the arts in our community.	10/24/2025 6:19 PM
15	Events created and organized by local artists, musicians with help from city	10/24/2025 11:12 AM
16	Music festivals Beer festivals	10/24/2025 10:40 AM
17	History of clay/ tiling	10/24/2025 10:31 AM
18	More things for smaller children	10/24/2025 8:11 AM
19	More fabric art classes and projects especially for kids.	10/23/2025 9:42 PM
20	More art classes reasonably priced	10/23/2025 9:01 PM
21	Free beer and naked ladies. (Ha-ha!)	10/23/2025 8:38 PM
22	I loved when the Louisville orchestra came and played some regional music. Maybe some poetry installations? I don't like spoken poetry as much because I want to read it. It would be intriguing to have short poems displayed somewhere, temporary installation, where people could walk along and read.	10/23/2025 6:31 PM
23	Collaborative murals in public spaces would be nice. More music and creative movement	10/23/2025 5:25 PM

	focused events.	
24	Beautify urban spaces, increase walk ability, Museum Nights & Heritage Events • Examples: “First Fridays,” “Museum After Dark,” heritage walking tours, or cultural storytelling nights. • Benefits: Encourages locals and visitors to explore cultural institutions, especially off-peak hours. • Tip: Pair with live music, food trucks, and local vendor markets to widen appeal. Signature Cultural Festivals • Examples: film festivals, jazz or blues fests, international food & art fairs, theater weeks. • Benefits: Attracts visitors, boosts hotel & restaurant revenue, and builds a city’s creative reputation. • Best Practices: Partner with local businesses, artisans, and regional tourism boards.	10/23/2025 4:21 PM
25	Watercolor painting classes for beginners	10/23/2025 2:15 PM
26	More culturally diverse themes; food events with vegan options or at the very least local foods	10/23/2025 2:11 PM
27	More shows at the Market House Theatre	10/23/2025 2:09 PM
28	Music festivals, art fairs that aren’t trashy	10/23/2025 2:02 PM
29	Before too many new events and programs are developed, ensure the current programs and events are viable.	10/23/2025 1:55 PM
30	symphony having chamber group performance for free in different city venues	10/23/2025 1:48 PM
31	Affordable theatre productions	10/23/2025 12:45 PM
32	Stained glass workshops, clay pottery classes, painting classes that are affordable, basket weaving, glass making, artistic welding,	10/23/2025 12:16 PM
33	We need a shared art space/ community art studio with resources to share. For example, many local residents are looking for a place to make and fire pottery, but don't have the space or funds to supply their own studio. There's a place in Nashville that has a really neat model for this - https://theclaylady.com/the-clay-ladys-campus/artist-community/	10/23/2025 11:52 AM
34	Better music scene in general - more contemporary musicians and national lecturers at WKCTC and other mid-size venues (akin to events at MSU-Lovett) -an international foods/culture fair like Calling All Colors in the schools but available to the whole community Taste of Paducah - maybe at the Farmers Market	10/23/2025 10:26 AM
35	Coordinated marketing of artist performances at smaller locations - such as WKU, PTHS or local taverns with weekend entertainment. A combined regular weekly calendar of performances.	10/23/2025 9:58 AM
36	I’d like to see Main Street support all non-profits as well as businesses. I know y’all aren’t the same thing, but there’s just so many entities and now this huge one Main Street is kind of sucking up all the attention/resources now that it’s its own thing.	10/23/2025 9:19 AM
37	More public concerts and performances. More opportunities in the arts. We are supposed to be an Unesco Creative City. What happened to the Summer Festival we used to have in Paducah? Live concerts? Taste of Paducah? Art Exhibit in the City Hall?	10/23/2025 9:01 AM
38	music events	10/23/2025 7:36 AM
39	Perhaps more comunity-wide events and festivals that draw from a regional audience.	10/23/2025 7:08 AM
40	WKCTC focus programs	10/23/2025 6:48 AM
41	I think doing something like a bar crawl but through all of downtown Paducah’s art galleries would be super fun	10/22/2025 10:04 PM
42	Concerts on the river	10/22/2025 9:33 PM
43	Plays, concerts, art shows	10/22/2025 9:12 PM
44	Local artist gallery showings	10/22/2025 8:55 PM
45	More fiber arts	10/22/2025 8:53 PM
46	Classical music ; art classes for adults	10/22/2025 8:47 PM
47	Lowertown artists participating in free art instruction for seniors and at Oscar Cross Boys and Girls club or other children’s organizations.	10/22/2025 7:21 PM

48	I’d love to see programs that not only celebrate artistic expression but actively demonstrate how the arts contribute to economic growth and career sustainability. Too often, there’s a disconnect between seeing art as community enrichment and recognizing it as a viable profession. Future programming should help close that gap, offering public workshops on creative entrepreneurship, artist showcases that include behind-the-scenes business models, and mentorship programs that connect emerging artists with working professionals across disciplines. Additionally, I’d like to see more resource-sharing initiatives, such as space grants, tech access, or marketing support, that give local artists the tools they need to build sustainable creative practices right here in our region. When we equip artists with both inspiration and infrastructure, we not only validate the value of their work but create pathways for meaningful, local economic impact through the arts.	10/22/2025 6:49 PM
49	More explicitly LGBT-inclusive social gatherings that aren’t in bars. There are lots of folks who would love to go to more casual, chill spaces that aren’t explicitly created for us.	10/22/2025 6:42 PM
50	Wheel ceramics classes more frequently	10/22/2025 6:35 PM
51	More of everything!	10/22/2025 6:21 PM
52	Fellowship programs, artist management resources, more local grants for musicians of all ages/skill levels	10/22/2025 6:18 PM
53	Can't think of any right now	10/22/2025 6:16 PM
54	Dance classes for special needs people	10/22/2025 5:43 PM
55	Allow artists to donate time to perform along Broadway in evenings without stiff fee	10/22/2025 5:42 PM
56	Events that combine art and health and well-being	10/22/2025 5:33 PM
57	Better use of Paducah School of arts and design	10/22/2025 5:28 PM
58	Bring back the Affordable Art Show	10/22/2025 5:18 PM

Q12 In one or two sentences, what does arts and culture mean to you personally?[Open response]

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1	It means quality of life. An awareness of beauty and a sense of pride of where you live.	11/7/2025 12:00 PM
2	It’s the whole reason we moved to Paducah. Would love to see the city install more sculptures - large ones in the downtown area.	11/1/2025 10:04 AM
3	Art is a way to connect with other people on a deep primordial level. Sharing meaning that spans all demographics through visual experiences.	10/31/2025 11:53 AM
4	An important part of the fabric of Paducah.	10/29/2025 10:06 PM
5	It is imperative that our Youth be exposed to all the cultural options available in Paducah.	10/29/2025 9:11 AM
6	Arts and culture is the enhancement of life, the joy of being human, the escape of drudgery. From cave drawings to Stonehenge, humans need to express themselves and share experiences through art and culture.	10/29/2025 8:54 AM
7	I’m pretty selective in what I do because of age and mobility but I enjoy hearing and seeing others responding and enjoying our town!	10/28/2025 6:49 PM
8	Can't live an exciting Life without the Arts or it's Dullsville existence.	10/28/2025 3:51 PM
9	Reading a good book, visiting an art gallery or listening to beautiful music in front of a live audience makes our lives richer and more meaningful.	10/28/2025 12:42 PM
10	I believe Arts and Culture are how people can express themselves in a safe avenue.	10/28/2025 6:20 AM
11	Art and cultural experiences are part of my every day life. I think it inspires people in unexpected ways and it brings people together in ways they never would experience otherwise. I love being a part of collaborative art and concert experiences that refresh the spirit and challenge the mind with new ideas.	10/27/2025 4:46 PM
12	The arts are extremely important to my quality of life. Creativity is the soul of a community. Paducah offers local art and world class art and perfomances - both are equally important and fulfilling.	10/27/2025 3:06 PM
13	Arts for me are a window to the world and to the lives of people from past, present, and future.	10/27/2025 8:20 AM
14	Anything artistic is important to community involvement.	10/26/2025 2:20 PM
15	It is a means of connection among people in a community. It’s probably the most underrated and yet most vital aspect to the well-being of a community.	10/26/2025 7:52 AM
16	Connections. Art and culture bring people of varied backgrounds together.	10/25/2025 6:37 AM
17	Art helps you see the beauty in life. It also helps you better understand humanity.	10/24/2025 9:44 PM
18	An opportunity to support local talent	10/24/2025 7:10 PM
19	Individual, community and regional wide enrichment of the arts for creativity and growth of all	10/24/2025 6:19 PM
20	A city without arts and culture is not a city I want to live in.	10/24/2025 11:12 AM
21	It makes a town unique and not just cookie cutter. Without it, Paducah is just some churches, restaurants, and bars.	10/24/2025 10:40 AM
22	Ability to connect and celebrate with other people	10/24/2025 10:31 AM
23	Raising awareness for children to learn and grow and see things differently.	10/24/2025 8:11 AM
24	It is a chance to know our community and its members.	10/23/2025 9:42 PM

25	Art is a great way to expand your understanding of other people and cultures	10/23/2025 9:01 PM
26	Arts and Culture are important for one's self-actualization and Enlightenment. Such a benefit to the local community is to be able to have Arts and Culture available. Theatre is to be performed and seen, not merely to be read in a book. "The abstract and brief chronicles of the time...catch the conscience of a King", lines from "Hamlet", are the causes for keeping Theatre alive.	10/23/2025 8:38 PM
27	Arts help us see the world and reality in a new way, sometimes enabling us to endure the unendurable and feel wonder at the wonderful.	10/23/2025 6:31 PM
28	It's what gives our society some life in an otherwise incredibly monotonous capitalist culture. We need it, like we need good food, clean water, and breathable air. Without art and culture, our souls dry up.	10/23/2025 5:25 PM
29	Being able to go to the MHT & usher. Watching the folks put their heart & soul into their performances…. I just love it. I love auditioning as well.	10/23/2025 3:00 PM
30	Because of its focus on arts and culture, Paducah feels like an open, welcoming, and inclusive place compared to other places I have lived and to other towns in the area. It's what makes me want to stay here when I've thought of leaving Kentucky.	10/23/2025 2:34 PM
31	Enrichment of life	10/23/2025 2:15 PM
32	Arts and culture is how individuals and communities re-interpret life's experiences for a deeper understanding.	10/23/2025 2:11 PM
33	Theatre has a way of taking me out of my everyday life for a short time.	10/23/2025 2:09 PM
34	Reminds us of our humanity	10/23/2025 2:02 PM
35	It is my livelihood.	10/23/2025 1:55 PM
36	art is a means with which to express myself and appreciate the talent of others, while culture tells the story of a group of people with very unique customs that I enjoy learning about	10/23/2025 1:48 PM
37	It brings a sense of community and appreciation of the talents that people possess and pride in our town.	10/23/2025 12:45 PM
38	Art is my world. I love being able to re-center and decompress through art either looking or creating.	10/23/2025 12:16 PM
39	Being brave enough to try a creative process even if it isn't your life's profession. Your art is a reflection of your thoughts and feelings of the culture surrounding you, or an expression of what you hope that culture to be.	10/23/2025 11:52 AM
40	Arts, music, and diverse cultural opportunities are among the basic needs of living. They are the joys that sustain us during difficult times.	10/23/2025 10:26 AM
41	Meeting people, learning the city (I'm relatively new in town).	10/23/2025 9:58 AM
42	Creativity and Sharing	10/23/2025 9:01 AM
43	The arts and cultural resources of Paducah are the main reason I stayed here after retiring.	10/23/2025 8:20 AM
44	I enjoy arts & they enhance the community.	10/23/2025 7:36 AM
45	Arts and culture are the aspects of daily living that give life flavor and purpose.	10/23/2025 7:35 AM
46	Arts and culture is vital to our community in order to provide the amenities for a full and well-rounded lifestyle.	10/23/2025 7:08 AM
47	Must keep art alive in community to keep us well rounded and maintain our UNESCO status!	10/23/2025 6:48 AM
48	Art let's my imagination open up. Learning about local culture instructs and helps me feel more connected to the area.	10/23/2025 5:57 AM
49	I think arts and culture are foundational for connection and forming stronger communities	10/22/2025 10:04 PM
50	Arts are a part of my life and have shaped who I am.	10/22/2025 10:01 PM
51	It is how we communicate and manifest our humanity in the world.	10/22/2025 9:36 PM

52	Entertainment in general.	10/22/2025 9:33 PM
53	A healthy way to stay in touch with information and talented individuals!	10/22/2025 9:12 PM
54	I enjoy opening my world view thru the arts.	10/22/2025 8:55 PM
55	Art is expression of culture.	10/22/2025 8:53 PM
56	I like visual arts that tend to be traditional. I'm not drawn to modern art or techniques. Art history should be emphasized and less on "edgy" art.	10/22/2025 8:47 PM
57	I think that the arts are a very important part of a persons awareness	10/22/2025 7:31 PM
58	It is an important part of our community culture.	10/22/2025 7:21 PM
59	The arts have been a constant anchor in my life—offering both a means of personal growth and a tool for community transformation. They've taught me how to lead, connect, and create spaces where people feel seen, heard, and empowered to tell their stories.	10/22/2025 6:49 PM
60	Arts and culture is integral to living a full life and brings people together.	10/22/2025 6:46 PM
61	It means honoring and cultivating space for the creative expression of our diverse community to thrive.	10/22/2025 6:42 PM
62	It's everything! It's the most natural way of human expression. Any form that reflects the human experience is art and should be recognized and celebrated!	10/22/2025 6:35 PM
63	Essential to quality of life	10/22/2025 6:21 PM
64	It is one of the most important things in my life. It keeps our city alive.	10/22/2025 6:18 PM
65	Arts and culture matter to me because they tell our stories, inspire creativity, and bring people together.	10/22/2025 6:16 PM
66	Enriches life	10/22/2025 5:42 PM
67	A way to connect with others who value the arts	10/22/2025 5:41 PM
68	An essential part of life.	10/22/2025 5:33 PM
69	Arts and culture are a good release from day to day routine.	10/22/2025 5:28 PM
70	True art is free expression for the public to interpret.	10/22/2025 5:18 PM
71	It's everything! It's so important to embrace arts and culture- there are so many opportunities with the arts to learn, to engage with your community, to express yourself, and to try new things!	10/22/2025 5:17 PM