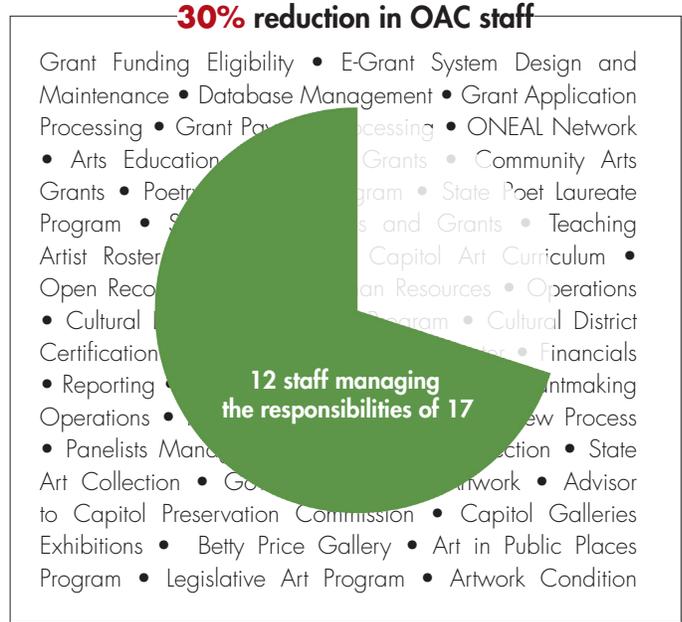




The State of Oklahoma Arts Council Funding

How do Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC) budget cuts impact schools and communities?

A model of efficiency, the Oklahoma Arts Council's administrative costs represent just 9 percent of the agency's budget. Compounding budget cuts have been absorbed through reduction in total number of agency staff, internal cost-saving measures, and cuts to the agency's grants budget. Recent cuts to the agency will be applied to grants and services, with debilitating consequences for an industry that impacts education, economic development, quality of life, and other strategic state goals.

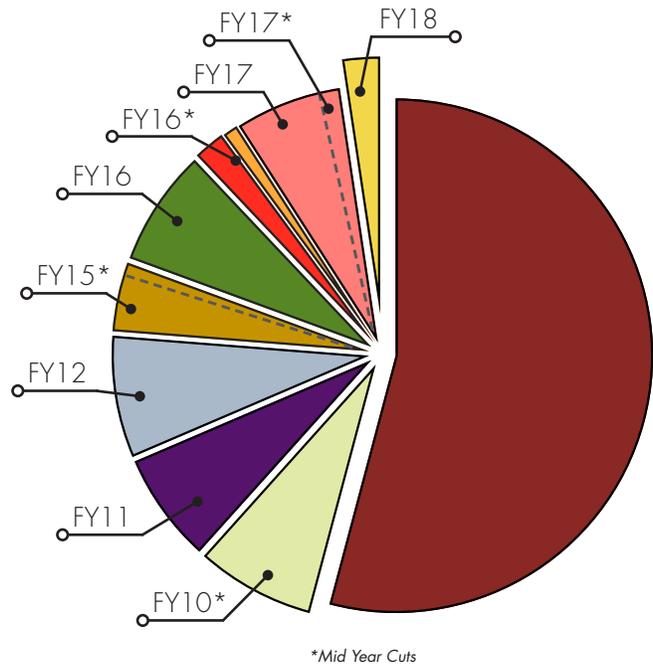


Since FY08, the Oklahoma Arts Council state appropriation has been cut by **46%**.

Cuts to OAC State Appropriations FY08 - FY18

Fiscal Year	Reduction	Final State
FY08-FY09		5,150,967
FY10 - 7%*	-386,979	4,763,988
FY11 - 6%	-357,299	4,406,689
FY12 - 7%	-396,602	4,010,087
FY15 - 4%	-225,176	3,784,911
FY16 -10%*	-520,142	3,264,769
FY17 - 6%*	-347,044	2,917,725
FY18 - 5%	-122,544	2,795,181
Total -46%	-2,355,786	2,795,181

*Mid Year Cuts



The Oklahoma Arts Council FY18 Appropriation equals only **.00041** of the State's total FY18 Appropriations.

The State of **OAC** Impact

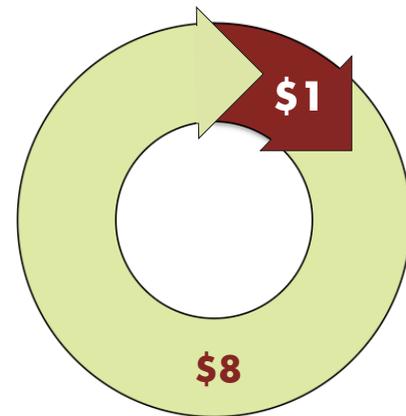
The Value of the Public Dollar

The Oklahoma Arts Council leads in the support and development of a state industry with an excellent return-on-investment.

- \$1 in public funding seeds \$14 in private matching funds
- \$1 in public funding investment returns \$8 in tax revenue*
- \$314.8 million impact*
- \$29 million in state and local tax revenues*
- More than 10,000 full-time equivalent jobs*

** From 2008-09 The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts & Culture Organizations in Oklahoma (Note: More recent statistics are forthcoming)*

State Investment



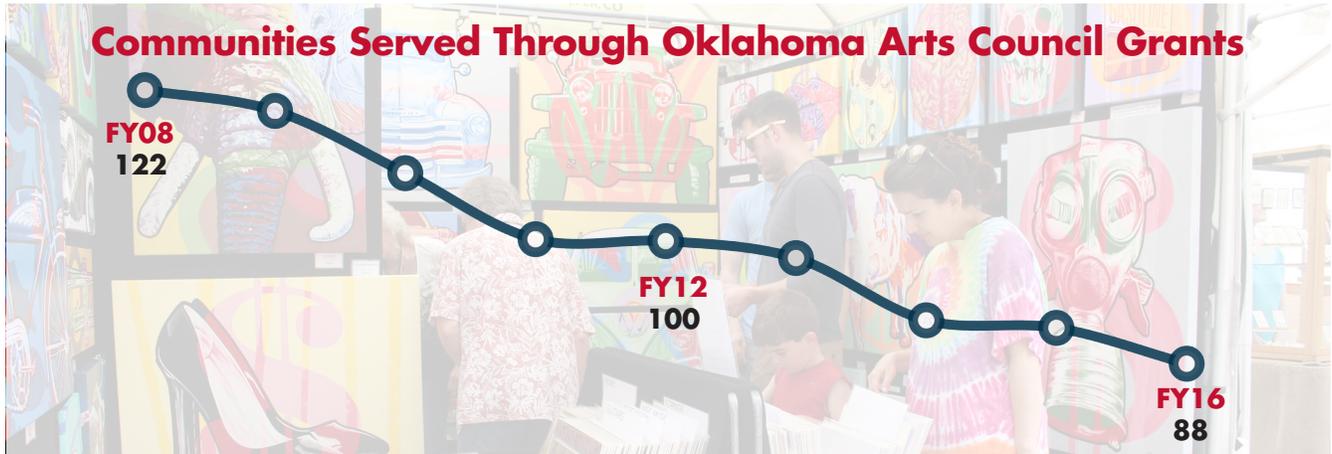
Economic Return



The State of OAC Reach

Since FY2008, budget cuts have resulted in a significant decline in the reach of Oklahoma Arts Council grants:

- Number of grants reduced from **581** to **457**
- Counties reached reduced from **64** to **51**
- Organizations granted reduced from **390** to **245**
- Communities served reduced from **122** to **88**
- Rural investment fell from **51%** to **41%**



FAME Academy (Comanche Public School District) *FAME-ous Pottery*

February 2017 | Comanche, Oklahoma
Through OAC support, students at this southwest Oklahoma alternative education site are participating in a 14-week project led by a professional teaching artist that integrates the study of pottery techniques, standards, and concepts with the application of the methods and the incorporation of each student's creative vision.

"Cuts to art funding is putting our art program at risk, and I believe putting our 'at risk students' further at risk...Students at FAME who participate in art class show a decrease in absences, suspensions and juvenile justice involvement, and an increase in grade point averages." – Elizabeth Ressel, FAME Academy



Metropolitan School of Dance, Inc. *Testing the Water*

July 2015 | Oklahoma City
A two-week summer intensive camp for ages 6-11 that included classes in ballet, tap, modern dance, jazz, African, hip-hop, salsa, and more. The program reaches low-income families and underserved, inner-city Oklahoma City youth.

"As a small organization providing a very big need, our work would be impossible without assistance of public funding."
– Frances Pitts, Metropolitan School of Dance

The State of OAC Programs and Services

Budget reductions threaten more than grant dollars invested by the Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC) in schools and communities statewide. At risk are OAC programs and services that strengthen a nonprofit arts and cultural industry comprised of more than 10,000 Oklahomans. The industry benefits from the professional, organizational, and community development programs provided by the agency. Cuts also jeopardize OAC programs that are aimed at meeting vital state needs in education, veterans services, health and well-being, and more.

- Capitol Art Collections Management
- Cultural District Initiative
- Leadership Arts
- Oklahoma Arts Conference
- Oklahoma Arts and the Military Initiative
- Oklahoma's New and Emerging Arts Leaders Network
- Performing and Teaching Artist Rosters
- State Policy Pilot Program (SP3)

