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## **The Zanesville Museum of Art Receives Funding from Ohio Arts Council**

ZANESVILLE, Ohio—The Zanesville Museum of Art has received a significant sustainability grant from the Ohio Arts Council once again in 2023. The Ohio Arts Council Board approved \$21.8 million in grants for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The OAC announced that this is the largest amount granted in the agency’s history. The \$31,568 sustainability grant received by the ZMA helps the museum pursue its mission while also supporting the community.

“The ZMA is grateful to the Ohio Arts Council that advocates for arts and cultural organizations in Ohio” stated ZMA Executive Director Laine Snyder. “They have been a funding lifeline for us during our organizational change.”

The OAC reported on its ArtsOhio Blog that “the 907 grants approved at the meeting constitute the initial and major state fiscal year 2024 funding round for the OAC. They mark a significant step in the OAC’s ongoing commitment to directly fund arts programming in all 88 Ohio counties—something it has been able to do for the last eight fiscal years. These grants follow the recent passage of the state’s 2024-2025 operating budget, which included a record-setting, nearly \$51.1 million state appropriation for the OAC over the next two years.”

# ZANESVILLE MUSEUM of ART

OAC Executive Director Donna S. Collins said that the state appropriation will help accommodate the recent record expansion of eligible OAC grantees and arts education efforts statewide.

"Ohio's arts and culture sector is poised for a strong future as we continue to work together for a full recovery of in-person arts programming, an expansion of arts education to combat pandemic-related learning loss, and restoration and growth of career opportunities for arts professionals," said Collins.

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