

**THERE IS NO
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**CULTURAL
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Members of the Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon (CACO) work to ensure that all Oregonians have the opportunity to access arts and culture in their communities. We advocate for policies and funding that create a thriving environment for arts, culture, history, heritage, and humanities across Oregon. Volunteers serve on our Board of Directors and represent our 350+ organizations across the state, including tribes and cultural partners, reflecting the diverse mix of Oregon's cultural community.

2022 Legislative Priorities



Ensuring American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocated in 2021 is distributed quickly to the arts and culture sector

- The Oregon legislature allocated \$50M in APRA funding to be distributed:
 - \$5M for movie theaters (anticipated Jan. 2022)
 - \$30M for “live venues” (anticipated Feb./March 2022)
 - \$15M for live venue support (anticipated in March/April 2022)
- CACO will continue to work with Business Oregon and legislative leaders to support progress and distribution of funds through these programs.



Advocating for additional funding support to the sector

- According to data from Americans for the Arts, Oregon's art sector has lost an estimated \$66M, with over 70% of entities expecting a “severe financial impact.”*
- CACO is requesting an additional \$50M in funds to support the long-term recovery of the sector, including recruitment of staff, reopening, additional costs to put on productions, etc.



Supporting the renewal of special assessments for historic preservation

History can be found in our people, museums, art, and even our buildings. At CACO, we take great pride in supporting historic preservation through a variety of programs, including the Oregon Special Assessment of Historic Properties program. We look forward to continuing to ensure this program is available and supports all Oregonians interested in preserving our historic properties.



Addressing construction challenges for cultural capital projects

We were pleased that 11 cultural capital projects--from the Oregon Jewish Museum to the Maxville Heritage site--received Cultural Resource Economic Fund support in the 2021 legislative session. Because of labor shortages, supply chain issues, and other factors, the cost to complete many projects has increased drastically. In some instances, organizations and venues might need to rethink the design of approved projects to identify cost savings.

*www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/disaster-preparedness/the-economic-impact-of-coronavirus-on-the-arts-and-culture-sector