



Arts & Culture Department

Fiscal Year 2026

Mission Statement

- We provide leadership by and for the City to support arts and cultural affairs.
- We create and fund programs, cultivate connections, and recommend policies that promote and sustain the arts and our creative economy.
- Centering inclusion, diversity, equity, and access, we connect residents and visitors alike to the vibrant arts and cultures of Santa Fe.



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Major Accomplishments to build upon in FY26

- Launched the 20th year of UNESCO Creative City status, building extensive local partner network and hosting a large community celebration; FY26 UNESCO initiatives include an international exchange festival in fall and heritage arts map.
- The Community Gallery hosted 10 art exhibitions featuring 200+ local artists, several free writing and art workshops, and thousands of visitors. We will survey artists and audiences to measure engagement and needs throughout FY26.
- Completed inventory of Midtown film and music FF&E and distributed instruments and gear to local schools. Next, film gear goes to build local high school programs. We will document outcomes and share with the public.
- Funded 45 nonprofit arts organizations with marketing grants and sponsored several diverse community arts events.

FY26 Operating Budget Goals

- Grow Cultural Investment Funding for arts nonprofits, and offer expanded support for effective marketing practices. Convene organizational awardees to foster cross-promotion, personal connection, and resource sharing for a stronger arts economy.
- Sponsorship growth supports more creative, culturally relevant arts programs, from neighborhood events to intercultural UNESCO exchanges.
- Hiring a sixth staff member streamlines operations and enhances our programming, service, and outreach.
- Rejuvenate and expand art in public places with citywide murals, calls for public sculptures, and other community-forward artworks and projects with measurable engagement and impact.





Arts & Culture Department FY26 Budget Review

Final statements & questions

Thank you!



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