

## **OVERVIEW**

The Milwaukee Public Schools Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is an annual allocation of funds that supports afterschool, weekend, and summer arts and humanities-related programs for City of Milwaukee children, youth, and families. Arts and humanities organizations that partner with schools and/or community-based organizations are eligible to apply for funds. A dollar-for-dollar match is required of all participating organizations.

## **OUR 11 YEARS**

Over the past eleven years our program has invested over \$13 million in the well-being of our city's young people and families by directly funding arts and/or humanities-based programs.

To learn the impact of our program, we partnered with the Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative and the UW-Milwaukee School of Education to conduct an evaluation. The team used a mixed-methods approach, including analysis of administrative records and a qualitative component featuring focus groups with funded organizations to determine the benefits of the program and identify areas for improvement.

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### GOALS

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**INCREASE ACCESS** to arts and/or humanities-related experiences

**STRENGTHEN** existing and establish new community **PARTNERSHIPS** 

**EXPAND RESOURCES** and **SUPPORT** for arts and humanities education

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## **\$13,291,331 \$19,271,656** AWARDED MATCHED



# \$32.5 MILLION TOTAL

FOR ARTS & HUMANITIES PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT MILWAUKEE

**320,000** CITY OF MILWAUKEE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MEMBERS REACHED

## **347** CREATED OR SUSTAINED **PARTNERSHIPS**

\$32,497 THE AVERAGE AWARD AMOUNT 88 UNIQUE GRANTEES

**200,000 HOURS OF OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING** 

**83%** OF THE PARTICIPANTS SERVED WERE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.

Directly in line with MPS percentage of economically disadvantaged students (82%) for the same period. Through the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, participants have had the opportunity to:

WALKER'S POINT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

#### **BUILD,** PAINT AND LAUNCH

large-scale wooden boats on the Menomonee River

#### EXPLORE PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY topics

through creative writing, storytelling, poetry and spoken word

#### COLLABORATE WITH PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS

to design and paint murals for prominent community spaces

#### DEVELOP CAREER AND LIFE SKILLS through arts-based internships

#### CELEBRATE AND HONOR CULTURAL IDENTITIES through traditional and historical art forms

#### **EXPAND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS** and responsibility

#### TRAIN wITH THEATER PROFESSIONALS to

establish skills in stage movement, voice, improvisation, acting, AND MORE!

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## **OUR FUTURE**

We hope our next eleven years are just as impactful as the last eleven. Over the next year, we will engage in a strategic planning process to establish a new vision for the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities that maximizes impact and ensures equitable access to arts and/or humanities programs for City of Milwaukee young people and their families. This plan will incorporate recommendations of the Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative and UW-Milwaukee School of Education, our partners and the community.

> XALAAT AFRICA DRUM AND DANCE FOR LIFE

"I LEARNED TO BE MYSELF NO MATTER WHAT, AND TO BE MYSELF ARTISTICALLY.I LEARNED I CAN EXPRESS WHAT I'M FEELING THROUGH THE ART I MAKE."

CASA ROMERO PARTICIPANT

WALKER'S POINT CENTER FOR THE ARTS "I HAVE A VOICE AND MY OPINION AND FEELINGS DO MATTER, AND I HAVE THE POWER."

YWCA SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

**MILWAUKEE BALLET** 



#### MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SINCE 1911 EXPERIENCE Life.

**MILWAUKEE RECREATION** 

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WALKER'S POINT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

ARTS **"ICAN** MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD."

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