



Resources for a Creative Community

*Mississippi's Creative Economy Summit
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Notes:

★Local★

• Local Arts Agencies (LAAs)

A local arts agency (LAA) is a community organization or local government agency that supports cultural organizations, provides services to artists or arts organizations, and/or presents arts programming to the public. LAAs endeavor to make the arts part of the daily fabric of community living.

Examples:

- Meridian Council for the Arts
- Starkville Area Arts Council
- Greenville Arts Council
- The Arts, Hancock County

A full list and contact information for Mississippi's local arts agencies can be found on the Mississippi Arts Commission's website under Resources - Local Resources.

• Community Foundations

A community foundation is a philanthropic vehicle that combines the charitable gifts of many to provide leadership and financial leverage in addressing the current and future needs of the community through various grant making activities designed to improve the lives of the citizens of that community.

- **Community Foundation of Greater Jackson:** Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties
- **Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi:** Coahoma, DeSoto, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate and Tunica
- **CREATE Foundation:** Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union
- **Gulf Coast Community Foundation:** South Mississippi
- **Community Foundation of East Mississippi:** Clarke, Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba and Newton

Example of opportunity available now:

The Community Foundation of East Mississippi and its donors believe a strong and inspiring arts programs can have a powerful and positive effect on young people's lives. The 2011 Arts Mini-Grant Initiative offers quick response, small-scaled grants of up to \$500 to organizations working to engage youth in hands-on artistic programming during the summer months. Eligible organizations include school districts, governmental and/or nonprofit organizations that integrate arts in a summer program.

★State & Regional★

- **Mississippi Arts Commission**

www.arts.state.ms.us

In 1968, the Mississippi Legislature created the Mississippi Arts Commission as the official grants-making and service agency for the arts. Since then the Commission has broadened its role as an active supporter and promoter of the arts in community life and arts education.

- **Mississippi Development Authority**

www.mississippi.org

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is the State of Mississippi's lead economic and community development agency.

MDA Tourism Division - www.visitmississippi.org

- **USDA Rural Development - Mississippi**

www.rurdev.usda.gov/ms/

USDA Rural Development Mississippi is the state branch of USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development Mississippi is dedicated to providing a variety of programs to rural communities and individuals to promote economic and community growth.

- **Mississippi Humanities Council**

www.mshumanities.org

Mississippi state affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- **Foundation for the Mid-South**

www.fndmidsouth.org

The Foundation for the Mid South is a regional community foundation serving Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. We seek to strengthen the capacities and resources of individuals, institutions and communities to improve the quality of life for all Mid Southerners.

- **South Arts (formerly Southern Arts Federation)**

www.southarts.org

South Arts (formerly the Southern Arts Federation), a nonprofit regional arts organization, was founded in 1975 to build on the South's unique heritage and enhance the public value of the arts. South Arts' work responds to the arts environment and cultural trends with a regional perspective. The organization works in partnership with the state arts agencies of Alabama,

Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

- **Mississippi Library Commission**

www.mlc.lib.ms.us

The Mississippi Library Commission was established in 1926 by an Act of the Mississippi Legislature. The agency was charged with giving advice, when asked, to schools and public libraries and to communities desiring to establish libraries. Today, the Mississippi Library Commission offers a wide variety of direct and indirect services to libraries, government agencies and the citizens of Mississippi.

- **Mississippi Main Street Association**

www.msmainstreet.com

Mississippi Main Street Association is a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Mississippi Development Authority. Main Street is an economic development program based in historic preservation.

- **Mississippi Department of Archives and History**

www.mdah.state.ms.us

A comprehensive historical agency, the department collects, preserves, and provides access to the archival resources of the state, administers museums and historic sites, and oversees statewide programs for historic preservation, government records management, and publications.

- **Appalachian Regional Commission**

www.arc.gov

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. The Commission offers assistance for sustainable economic development to communities in thirteen states in Appalachia. Mississippi counties that are eligible: Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Itawamba, Kemper, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Winston, and Yalobusha

★National★

- **National Endowment for the Arts**

www.nea.gov

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education.

- **National Endowment for the Humanities**

www.neh.gov

NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

- **Creative Capital**

www.creative-capital.org

We support American artists in ways that are truly unique. Meet Creative Capital: Architect, Investor, and Laboratory for innovative art.

★Resources★

American Association for State and Local History:

www.aaslh.org

AASLH provides leadership and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans.

- Programs
- Professional Development
- National Initiatives

Americans for the Arts: www.americansforthearts.org

Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America.

- Community Development
- Creative Economy
- Arts Advocacy

Artspace USA: www.communityarts.net

Artspace's Mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable space for artists and arts organizations.

- Property Development
- Resource Development
- National Consulting

Center for the Study of Southern Culture:

www.olemiss.edu/depts/south/

The mission of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture is to investigate, document, interpret, and teach about the American South.

- Archives
- Research
- Documentaries

Community Arts Network: www.communityarts.net

The Community Arts Network (CAN) is a portal to the field of community arts, providing news, documentation, theoretical writing, communications, research and educational information. Promoting information exchange, research and critical dialogue within the field of community-based art.

- Forums
- Research
- Reading Room

Cultural Heritage Tourism: www.culturalheritagetourism.org

This site has been developed as a resource for organizations and individuals who are developing, marketing or managing cultural heritage tourism attractions or programs.

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies:

www.nasaa-arts.org

The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) is the membership organization that unites, represents and serves the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies.

- **Research (Available to non-members)**
- **Advocacy Resources (Available to non-members)**

Project for Public Spaces: www.pps.org

Project for Public Spaces (PPS) is a nonprofit planning, design and educational organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public spaces that build stronger communities.

- **Training**
- **Research**
- **Presentations**
- **Publications**

Southern Foodways Alliance: www.southernfoodways.com

The Southern Foodways Alliance documents, studies, and celebrates the diverse food cultures of the changing American South.

- **Publications**
- **Tourism**
- **Events**