

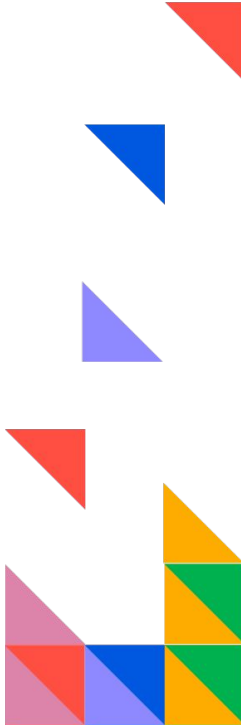
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Welcome

Today's Plan

- Update on Federal funding
- Tuesday's elections
- Creative Sector Agenda update
- FY25 Budget - it's closer than we think



Federal Funding

House vote on FY24 Interior Appropriations

- Amendments to eliminate NEA & NEH
- Next step - the Senate
 - Reconciling differences
 - House - \$186 million
 - Senate - \$207 million



Tuesday's Elections

Highlights

- Legislature
 - Senate Worcester & Hampshire: Rep Peter Durant (R-Spencer)
- Municipal Elections
 - New mayors in Braintree, Woburn, Fitchburg Greenfield, Agawan, Haverhill, Marlborough, Melrose and Pittsfield
 - City and town council races
 - School Committee races



Tuesday's Elections

Take Action

- Get to know your new elected officials
- Reach out and introduce yourself
- Educate them and their staff on the issues



Creative Sector Agenda

- **Hearings - Big milestone!**
- **Whats next?**
 - Vocal support is MOST important
 - Written testimony to Committee Chairs
 - Increase co-sponsors
 - Joint Rule 10 (February 7, 2024)



FY25 Budget

- Starts with Governor's Budget - January
- Moves to Legislature
 - House
 - Senate
 - Conference Committee
- Sent to Governor for signature

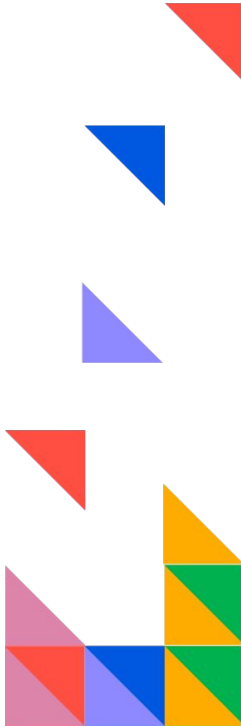


FY25 Budget

- FY24 (current budget)
 - \$25M Mass Cultural Council line item
 - \$3.56 per capita*
- Campaign for Five
 - \$35M Mass Cultural Council line item
 - \$5 per capita*



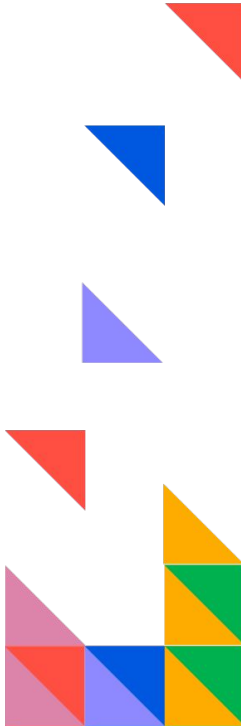
*based on 2020 Census data



FY25 Budget

Take Action

- Educate elected officials on impact of creative sector
- Sign on letter to Governor and Legislative Leadership
- Advocacy Week - January 22 - 26



Save the Date: It's our 10th anniversary!

MASSCreative's 10th Anniversary Celebration

★ Wednesday, December 6th from 6 - 8 PM

