

Financial Services – Authorized Agencies

The Financial Services Authorized Agencies provide planning and services to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Onondaga County.

F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse is a citizen-driven organization that taps citizen creativity to impact change in Central New York by enabling citizens, organizations, and government to work together to enhance the quality of our lives and our economic future.

Arts & Culture Agencies

Total funding in the 2012 Budget for the Arts & Culture agencies described below is equal to \$1,187,023, which represents 21.79% of estimated Room Occupancy Tax revenues in the 2012 budget.

Arts & Culture: Tier 1 Agencies

The following Arts & Culture organizations are classified as Tier 1 Agencies after consideration of multiple factors, including: relatively large size of their annual operating budget when compared to other Arts & Culture organizations; status as 501(c)3 corporation; full time executive director; board of directors; audience impact; economic viability; and year-round operations.

In order to receive their 2012 appropriations, Tier 1 Agencies must demonstrate to the County's Chief Fiscal Officer that Contributed Revenue, as defined in the funder's report received by the County from the Cultural Data Project, match or exceed the County appropriation in the Agency Fiscal Year that includes January 2012.

Total funding for Tier 1 Agencies is \$814,038, or 68.6% of the total appropriations for Arts & Culture Agencies.

Syracuse Stage produces and performs both classical and modern plays with professional actors. Syracuse Stage maintains a close working relationship with Syracuse University's drama department. The Arts-In-Education Program in Onondaga County schools seeks to develop young audiences and address problems of literacy, problem-solving and cultural diversity in the community.

Syracuse Opera is the only year-round professional opera company serving Central New York. Offering three operas each season plus year-round outreach and educational programs through Syracuse Opera Ensemble, Syracuse Opera reaches an audience of 30,000 people each year. Noted for high-quality, theatrical productions that star young singing-actors, Syracuse Opera productions have been compared favorably to those of New York City Opera and Glimmerglass Opera.

The Everson Museum of Art protects, collects and interprets works of art. Exhibitions, educational programs and special projects are presented in addition to maintaining and exhibiting the permanent collection.

The Syracuse Philharmonic Society provides symphony orchestra music to the residents of central and northern New York. The Philharmonic Society performs classical concerts and a "pops" series. The Youth Orchestra highlights talented high school students from throughout the area.

The Museum of Science and Technology (MOST) is the only "hands-on" science museum in Central New

York which serves to increase public understanding of science. MOST provides teachers with materials and supplies for a series of scientific demonstrations. Located in the Jefferson Street Armory since 1992, a thematic sequence of exhibits opened in January 1995. The Bristol Omnitheater was opened in January of 1997. It is the only IMAX theatre in upstate New York and the only IMAX-dome in the entire state.

Syracuse Jazz Fest Productions, Inc. produces jazz concerts, jazz subscription series along with the annual three day Syracuse Jazz Festival. The Festival is open to the public and is both culturally diverse and multicultural in nature.

Tier 2 Agencies

The following Arts & Culture organizations are classified as Tier 2 Agencies due to their mid-sized annual operating budget when compared to other Arts & Culture organizations.

Total funding for Tier 2 Agencies is \$372,985, or 31.4% of the total appropriations for Arts & Culture Agencies.

Redhouse Arts Center's mission is to transform lives through intimate and distinct experiences in the arts.

The Cultural Resources Council provides services to individuals, organizations and the general public that ensure the vitality and diversity of culture in Central New York. The primary long-term goal of the agency is to enhance the level, profile and quality of arts and cultural activities throughout Onondaga County.

YMCA of Greater Syracuse provides instruction in music, dance, literary arts, drama and the visual arts to students throughout the community with emphasis on collaborating with inner city elementary schools to provide after school programs.

The Landmark Theatre is an outstanding example of the splendor of American "movie palace" architecture. The mission is to provide, restore and preserve an historic performing arts complex. Organizations needing a fully equipped auditorium of almost 3,000 seats can rent the Landmark Theatre for concert performances, lectures, charity fund-raisers, graduations and religious events.

Salt City Center for the Performing Arts uses local actors to stage both musicals and dramatic plays. They are best known for their musicals and performances of popular works, such as "Jesus Christ Superstar," "La Cage Aux Folles," "Forty-Second Street" and "George M."

Central New York Jazz Arts Foundation's mission is to positively affect the quality of life in our region by preserving, supporting and advancing the art form of American Jazz by presenting it year-round in concert, cabaret, festival and scholastic settings.

Syracuse International Film & Video Festival's mission is establishing a diverse, international festival that gives voice to independent filmmakers and brings to the Syracuse community a unique cultural resource accessible to all ages.

Syracuse City Ballet provides opportunities for area dancers to perform and for the Central New York community to experience the beauty of dance. It strives to develop strong pre-professional and student dancers working with professionals in classical and premiere works.

Skaneateles Festival, Inc. has presented chamber music at Skaneateles lakeside locations during the

month of August since the late 1970's. It has played a role in marketing Onondaga County as a tourist destination.

The funding for the following Tier 2 Agencies is located in County General:

Onondaga Historical Association (OHA) was established to collect and preserve historical materials relating to the history of Onondaga County. The OHA operates in four major areas: research services, museum exhibits, educational programming, and collections.

Erie Canal Museum is dedicated to preserving information from the Erie Canal era. Throughout the year, the museum offers workshops, lectures and tours. This museum has received national accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

Tier 3 Agencies

The following Arts & Culture organizations are classified as Tier 3 Agencies due to the relatively small size of their annual operating budgets and their status as members of the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance of Central New York (ACLA). Although Tier 3 Agencies do not receive direct appropriations in the County budget, they are eligible for funds by the Cultural Resources Council.

Community Folk Art Center, New York State Blues Festival, Open Hand Theater, Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company, Society for New Music, Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, Syracuse Children's Theatre, Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music, The Media Unit.