

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES SURVEY ON THE ARTS AND GOVERNMENT

Arts South Dakota, a non-partisan and non-profit service organization, advances the arts for South Dakotans and our visitors by connecting, advocating, and educating.

We are collecting responses from candidates for the South Dakota Legislature and US Congress. Arts South Dakota does not endorse candidates for public office and will publish all responses verbatim. **PLEASE COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 15.**

Please complete this form if you are running for the South Dakota Congressional race.

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Congratulations on your candidacy for elected office. This quick survey will take you about 5-10 minutes to complete, and will help our organizations' members get to know you better. With a reach of over 5,000 individuals, organizations and businesses, Arts South Dakota will share your responses with our statewide constituents in the Fall issue of Arts Alive, in our weekly e-newsletter, in our monthly column distributed to every weekly and daily newspaper in South Dakota, on our social media channels, and on our website, [ArtsSouthDakota.org](https://www.ArtsSouthDakota.org).

Thank you for your time.

Name **(Required)**

Candidate First Name

Candidate Last Name

Candidate Website

Candidate Email **(Required)**

Office seeking: **(Required)**

- United States Senator
 United States Representative

Party: **(Required)**

- Democrat
 Independant
 Libertarian
 Republican

Basic Arts Background of Candidate

Question: What is your personal background and experience in the arts? **(Required)**

(check all that apply)

- Instrumental
 Vocal
 Visual
 Dance
 Theater
 Photography
 Film/Media
 Literary Arts
 Culinary Arts
 Other
 None

Question: What arts activities have you attended, participated in, or supported in the last year? **(Required)**

(check all that apply)

- Music
 Theater
 Visual Arts
 Dance
 Photography
 Film/Media
 Literary Arts
 Culinary Arts
 Attended a children's school performance
 Other
 None

Do you believe all South Dakotans should have access to the arts in their community? **(Required)**

- Yes
 No
 Undecided

South Dakota Arts Council

The South Dakota Arts Council is a state agency serving South Dakotans and their communities through the arts.

The South Dakota Arts Council receives support from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

The South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) will provide support for grants and special arts initiatives totaling \$1.45 million in fiscal year 2022.

[Arts Council Grants \\$1.45 Million](#)

[FY22 Grants by City](#)

[FY21 Impact Report](#)

Are you aware of an agency of state government – the South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) – whose purpose is to recognize the importance of creativity in the lives of all South Dakotans, the Council makes quality arts accessible throughout the state by providing encouragement, grants, services and information to artists, arts organizations, schools and the public? **(Required)**

- Very aware
 Moderately aware
 Slightly aware
 Not aware

DO YOU BELIEVE THE SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL, UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SHOULD RECEIVE STATE FUNDING? Matching funds received from the National Endowment for the Arts benefited all South Dakotans and generated \$21.00 for every \$1 invested by the state of South Dakota. **(Required)**

- Yes
 No
 Maybe

Would you support a path to index federal funding to both the NEA and NEH at \$1 per capita for each agency, so that arts and humanities organizations in your state or district can provide even more accessible cultural programs for all its residents? **(Required)**

The FY 2023 budgets for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) are set at \$180 million each, amounting to a mere 54 cents per person, per agency.

- Strongly Agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Undecided

Would you support the re-establishment or creation of a White House cultural advisory body, such as the President's Committee on the Arts & Humanities, to advise on economic and domestic policy issues? **(Required)**

- Strongly Agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Undecided

Would you support federal legislation that would advance the creative economy, specifically including support for arts education policies and racial equity? **(Required)**

(For information on current creative economy legislation, please visit bit.ly/CreativeEconomyLegislation)

- Strongly Agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Undecided

Would you support the need for future legislation to assist arts and cultural organizations and self-employed gig artists to recover from the ongoing economic fallout of the pandemic? **(Required)**

- Strongly Agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Undecided

Would you like us to contact you with further details on any of these priorities? **(Required)**

For more detailed information on these arts policy issues, please visit: <https://www.artsactionfund.org/LegislativePriorities>

- Yes
 No

Additional Comments:

(optional)

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HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE ARTS TO THE EDUCATION OF ALL SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN? **(Required)**

We believe arts education stimulates creativity, communications and learning, and that arts education is an essential tool for reaching youth at risk.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE POTENTIAL FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AND HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE THAT DEVELOPMENT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL? **(Required)**

We believe the arts are an intrinsic part of the well-being of our communities, and that the arts play an important role in economic development and tourism.

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ROLE OF PUBLIC FUNDING FOR THE ARTS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL? **(Required)**

We seek the support and endorsement of individuals, businesses and government.

THANK YOU!

We welcome any additional comments or experiences you would like to make in regards to the arts in South Dakota. Please use the space below. With a reach of over 5,000 individuals, organizations and businesses, Arts South Dakota will share your responses with our statewide constituents in the Fall issue of Arts Alive, in our weekly e-newsletter, in our monthly column distributed to every weekly and daily newspaper in South Dakota, on our social media channels, and on our website:

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