

# STATE 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 this form if you are running for the South Dakota House, Senate or Governor 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](#).

Thank you for your time.

Name **(Required)**

Candidate First Name

Candidate Last Name

Candidate Website

https://

Candidate Email **(Required)**

Office seeking: **(Required)**

- ☐ State Senator
- ☐ State Representative
- ☐ Governor

Party: **(Required)**

- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Independant
- ☐ Libertarian
- ☐ Republican

District:

## 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

Additional Comments:

(optional)

## Arts South Dakota

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 believe arts education stimulates creativity, communications and learning, and that arts education is an essential tool for reaching youth at risk. HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE ARTS TO THE EDUCATION OF ALL SOUTH DAKOTA CHILDREN? **(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 DO YOU SEE AS THE POTENTIAL FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AND HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE THAT DEVELOPMENT? **(Required)**

We seek the support and endorsement of individuals, businesses and government. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ROLE OF PUBLIC FUNDING FOR THE ARTS AT THE NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL? **(Required)**

## 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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