

Contact Your Elected Officials

CNY Arts supports artists and organizations in our six county service area (spanning Onondaga, Oneida, Oswego, Madison, Cortland, & Herkimer) by advocating for support and funding. Join us in our advocacy efforts by letting your elected officials know how much this funding has impacted you, your organization and your community.

The arts need our support now more than ever!

Here are some actionable steps you can take:

- ★ Write your elected official to thank them for supporting the program you received funding from. We have provided a template below you can use. It can be edited or customized to personalize your message.
- ★ Send your legislators invitations to any programming or events related to your funded programs or events.

Find your Representative's contact information here:

Assembly - <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/search/>

Senate - <https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>

Letter Template – adjust your phrasing accordingly to reflect your individual or organizational grant award.

Dear (Legislator's Name)

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks for the (grant name) award of \$(enter your award amount) we recently received through the Statewide Community Re-grants program made possible by the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and administered by CNY Arts.

We are (I am) very proud of all that our grant-funded program is doing for our community, and would like to invite you to see for yourself by observing one of our programs in action. (Name your funded program/event, explain how it makes a difference, including the economic impact on your community, if applicable.)

To receive more information, or to attend (funded workshop, concert, exhibition etc.), please contact (Organization Contact Name/You or Program contact) at (Include Phone and/or Email Address).

Your support of this funding initiative highlights the significant impact that the arts have within our communities.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

(Type your name)

(Type your title with the organization, if applicable)