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**The
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**Colorado Business
Committee for the Arts'
2025 Annual Report**

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Mission

Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) advances Colorado's creative economy by connecting business and the arts.

CBCA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit membership organization that has been forging inspiring partnerships between business and the arts since 1985 through year-round advocacy, research, training and arts engagement efforts. CBCA is guided by a Board of Directors, eleven standing committees, and an Emeritus Board, which was formed in 2025 in recognition of **CBCA's 40th anniversary**. CBCA also completed a new four-year strategic plan in 2025 for 2026-2029.



Programming Impact



With a robust roster of 2025 program opportunities, CBCA championed artists, cultural organizations and creative industries; demonstrated that art is smart for business; and advanced Colorado as a cultural hub through training, services, events and advocacy.



CBCA Connects Business with Arts & Culture

CBCA connected businesses with the arts by providing creative benefits and leadership development opportunities for employees through Leadership Arts and ArtsConnect. The 2024-2025 Leadership Arts cohort graduated in May 2025, and several participants got involved with cultural organizations they met at the Board Fair. CBCA hosted nine ArtsConnect events in 2025 for CBCA members, providing over 700 complimentary tickets.



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“I highly recommend Leadership Arts to anyone aspiring to take on leadership roles within our community’s cultural organizations. Thanks to the diverse and comprehensive curriculum, I now feel far more prepared and confident in my role as a board member. Perhaps even more valuable, though, have been the relationships I’ve built with this exceptional cohort. I look forward to continuing to support and learn from each other for years to come.”

– Jinha Servais, Barefoot PR

CBCA Helps Artists & Creative Businesses to Thrive

CBCA helped artists with the business side of their creative practice through Colorado Attorneys for the Arts (CAFTA) and the Advancing Creatives Intensive (ACI). CBCA hosted two ACI cohorts in 2025, in Manitou Springs and in Aurora. CAFTA celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2025 with a celebration that coincided with the National Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Conference, hosted in Denver by CBCA.

10 Year Milestone

CAFTA has been connecting artists, creative businesses and cultural organizations across Colorado with vital pro bono legal services for the last decade.

- Over 375 legal referrals in the arts
- Over 2,800 served through legal educational
- Over 120 volunteer attorneys registered with CAFTA
- Statewide reach from Telluride to Greeley, Pueblo to Steamboat Springs



CBCA Demonstrates the Economic & Social Impacts of our Cultural Sector

CBCA elevated the intersection between arts and business across the state with the 2025 Business for the Arts Awards and the 2025 Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver Culture, using 2024 data provided by the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). These two programs each had in-person events that combined engaged 1,000 people.

*Economic activity generated by the Denver metro cultural sector continued to grow in 2024, reaching a record-breaking of **\$3.12 Billion**, sustaining the post-pandemic recovery.*

Learn more about the Economic Activity Study of Metro Denver Culture, presented by U.S. Bank

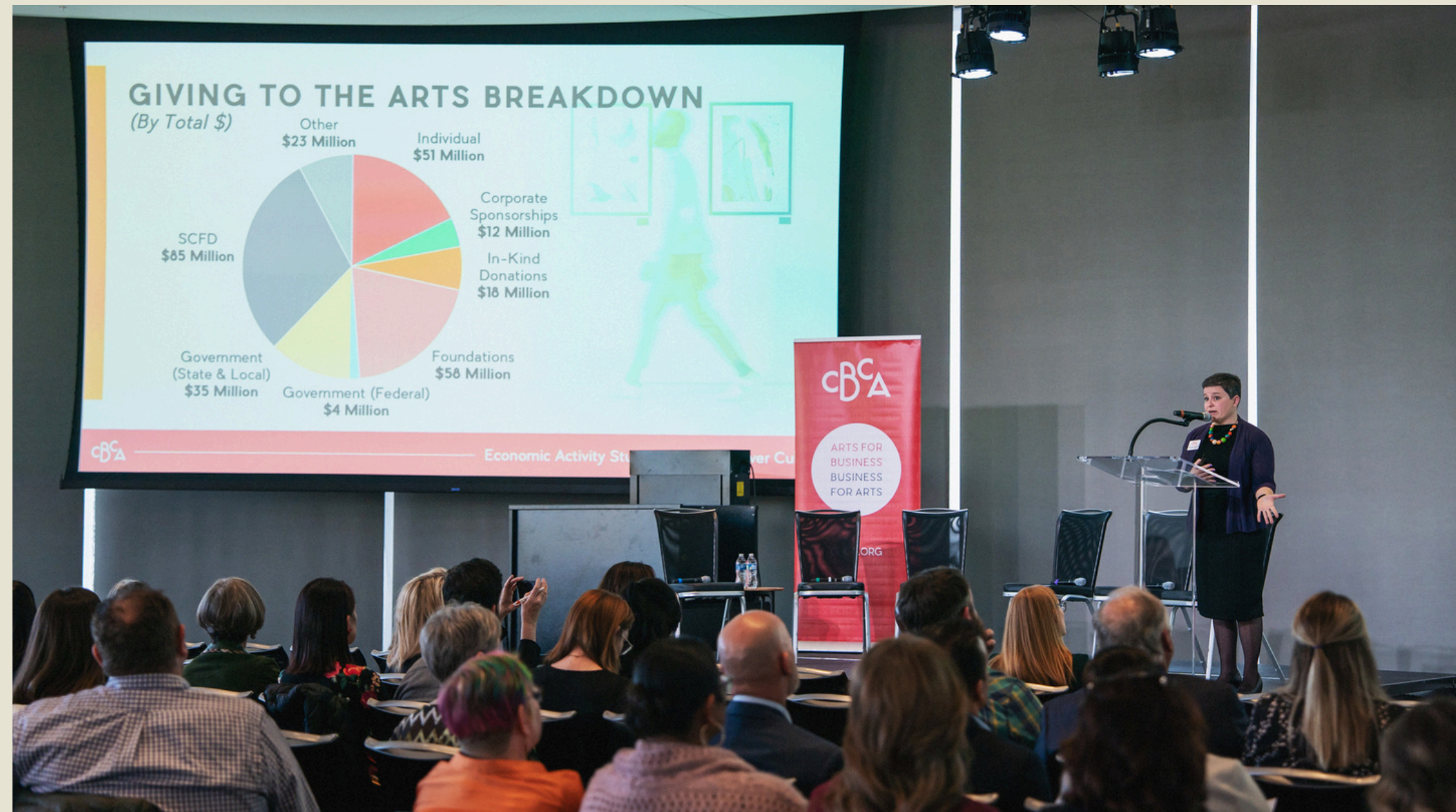


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Advocating for Colorado's Creative Economy

CBCA harnesses the power of creativity to drive civic engagement, build community and spark action. CBCA's advocacy work is focused on elevating diverse voices across the state and fostering community support for the arts. Through direct lobbying and grassroots arts advocacy initiatives, including the Colorado Arts Action Network (CAAN), CBCA's leadership works to ensure that the arts and creative industries are valued and supported by policymakers and voters resulting in economically vibrant, healthy, and equitable communities.



Federal advocacy: CBCA coordinated and led Colorado's delegation for Creative West's fly-in to Washington, D.C. in March 2025, ensuring constituents from the state's key legislative districts could advocate for federal arts policies.

State advocacy: CBCA released a new policy briefing paper on the state of arts education in Colorado, in partnership with Think 360 Arts for Learning.

Membership

Representing 260+ member companies with thousands of employees from corporate, cultural and civic organizations, CBCA promoted economic growth through arts and business partnerships. Members had opportunities to be inspired, engaged, network, celebrate and contribute to the vital arts and cultural community of Colorado.

Thank you 2025 Patron Members!



Donors & Sponsors

Thank you to CBCA's many donors and sponsors of 2025 programs.

\$20,000+

- Bonfils-Stanton Foundation
- Colorado Creative Industries
- Creative West
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- U.S. Bank

\$10,000-\$19,999

- Anythink Libraries
- Denver Arts & Venues
- Pinnacol Assurance

\$5,000-\$9,999

- Colorado Educational & Cultural Facilities Authority
- Melvin & Elaine Wolf Foundation
- PNC Bank
- Richmond American Foundation
- VISIT DENVER

\$2,500-\$4,999

- Colorado Bar Foundation
- Denver Art Museum
- Denver Botanic Gardens
- Denver Center for the Performing Arts
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science
- Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance
- East West Partners
- Fairfield & Woods

- Scientific & Cultural Facilities District
- Your Part-Time Controller

* = *recurring donor*

Donors & Sponsors

\$2,499-\$1,000

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- City of Boulder Office of Arts & Culture
- Mark Davidson & Dr. Karen Spinelli
- Rebecca Givens
- Pam & Duke Hartman
- Lisa Levin Appel
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- Andrew Petrie
- Dave Ratner*
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- Swallow Hill Music
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- Nancy Walsh & Ted Vial
- Tracy Weil

\$500-\$999

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- Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region (COPPR)
- Kim Estes McCarty
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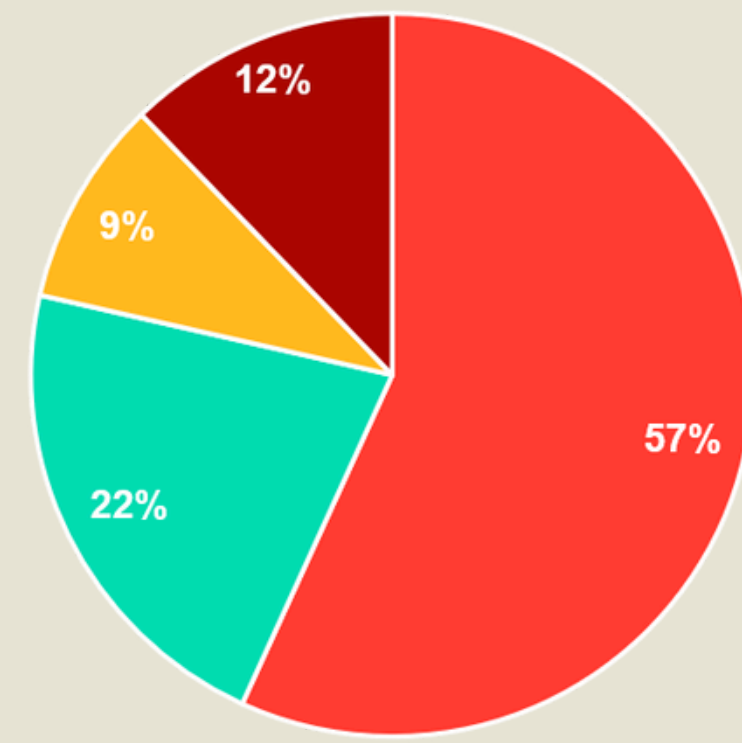
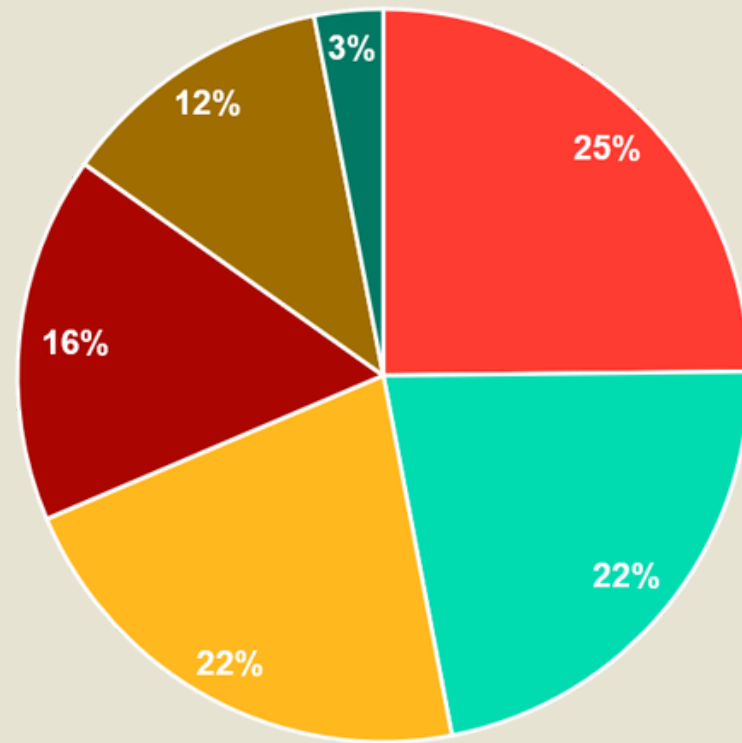
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2025 Statement of Financial Position

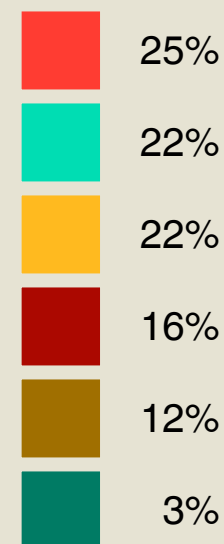
ASSETS	2025
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$286,454
Accounts Receivable	\$42,641
Other Current Assets	\$17,007
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$346,102
Fixed Assets	\$92,912
TOTAL ASSETS	\$439,014

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	2025
Current Liabilities	\$26,768
Deferred Revenue	\$60,668
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$87,436
Long-Term Liabilities	\$110,630
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$198,066
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$240,948
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$439,014

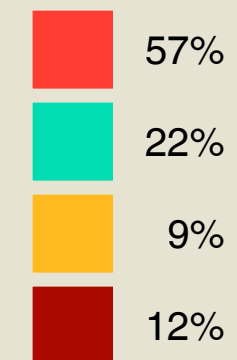
2025 Statement of Financial Activity



INCOME	
Contributions & Special Events	\$175,868
Memberships	\$157,024
Grants	\$153,000
Program Fees	\$114,670
In-Kind Goods & Services	\$86,248
Interest & Miscellaneous	\$21,518
	\$708,328



EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$401,421
Support Services	\$153,508
Fundraising	\$65,333
In-Kind Goods & Services	\$86,248
	\$706,510



Thank You

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