

ADVOCACY ALERT: PROTECT NEW YORK'S ARTS FUNDING

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Advocacy Alert: Protect New York's Arts Funding

By Dance/NYC

► [Share](#) | [Print](#) | [Download](#)Safeguard New York State Arts
and Culture Funding

The New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), which funds over 1000 arts organizations and 500 artists, is under threat of a 36% funding cut. State legislators are currently deciding how to allocate money to NYSCA and other essential services in the state budget. Now is the time to act—before the April 1 deadline—to ensure our state's budget supports a thriving dance and arts ecosystem.

Why this matters:

Findings from the [State of NYC Dance 2023 Report](#) reveal that 40% of NYC dance entities classify their financial health as weak or very weak. Meanwhile, 62% of [New York State artists](#) have no emergency savings. Protecting our state's source of public arts funding creates more economic stability for our organizations and workers. Losing a third of said funds would mean more New York artists would lose gigs, and more community members would lose the programming that brings them together.

What you can do:

- [Urge your state legislators to support \\$200 million](#) in state arts funding
- [Sign on your organization](#) in support of \$200 million for NYSCA

Join us in championing a more sustainable dance ecosystem across New York.

[CONTACT YOUR
REPS](#)[SIGN ON YOUR
ORG](#)[< back](#)[previous listing](#) • [next listing](#)