

New Mexico

New Mexico Arts
Jenice Gharib, Program Coordinator

General Information

Organization Mission Statement

To preserve, enhance and develop the arts in New Mexico through partnerships, public awareness and education, and to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations.

Arts Education Program Overview

New Mexico Arts is committed to supporting arts education in all its various forms. Both in-school and after-school programs are supported through Arts in Learning funding or through general support of the many nonprofit organizations funded by New Mexico Arts that work in New Mexico schools throughout the state.

New Mexico Arts funds programs for K-12 projects and residencies in the state's schools; leads the Poetry Out Loud program in the state; presents professional development workshops for teachers and teaching artists; provides resources such as arts education advocacy kits, research findings and information on funding opportunities; and collaborates with such organizations as the New Mexico Public Education Department, New Mexico Advisory Council for Arts Education, New Mexico Alliance for Art Education, and New Mexico Art Education Association.

New Mexico Arts offers two funding categories for arts education projects in or with K-12 schools:

- Arts Learning in Schools – Projects funding supports a wide range of programs taking place in K-12 schools either during school hours or in after-school programs. These programs focus on creative process arts activities, arts activities integrated into other content areas, art history or arts education professional development.
- Arts Learning in Schools – Residencies funding supports guest individual artists teamed with certified teachers to create programs that promote learning in and through the arts for schools. (New Mexico Arts is unable to fund individuals directly due to a provision in the state constitution; applicants must be a school district, charter school or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization).

Grant Programs

Types of Arts Education Grant Programs

- in-school arts education
- out-of-school-time arts education
- general operating support for arts education organizations
- arts education program/project support for arts organizations

Groups Eligible for Grant Programs

- public schools
- private/nonparochial schools
- private/parochial schools
- charter schools
- regional/local arts agencies
- arts organizations
- non-arts organizations
- arts education alliance or similar statewide organization

Total Number of Arts Education Grants Awarded in Most Recent Fiscal Year

8 grants

Total Dollar Value of Arts Education Grants Awarded in Most Recent Fiscal Year

\$ 54,000

Additional Comments on Arts Education Grant Programs

New Mexico Arts funds statewide arts education associations through its Statewide Services Grant category and not arts education, but they have been included here.

Major Initiatives & Partnerships

Education Leaders Institute

In partnership with the Public Education Department and other divisions within the Department of Cultural Affairs, New Mexico Arts is leading a project to use the arts to combat the state's extremely high dropout rate. In essence, the agency is working to funnel the state's arts resources into rural areas suffering from both high poverty and low graduation rates. This project was developed through the National Endowment for the Arts Education Leaders Institute.

Professional Development Services

Provision of Professional Development Trainings, Workshops and/or Institutes

- For arts specialists, professional development is administered by the state arts agency office. Due to limited funding, New Mexico Arts has not been able to offer trainings every year. In 2006, however, New Mexico Arts presented Making Connections: Movement, Performance & Learning, a professional development institute for teachers and teaching artists.

Additional Comments on Professional Development Services

New Mexico Arts is in the planning stages of developing training and certification for teaching artists.

Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud Administration

- in-house with contracted staff

Poetry Out Loud Participation

- number of schools participating in Poetry Out Loud statewide: 10
- Home-schooled students participate.

Poetry Out Loud Resources and Activities

- workshops in conjunction with state finals

Additional Prizes and Awards

- Prizes vary each year and have included poetry books, cash awards, journals, gift cards CDs and bracelets.
- Additional prizes were donated.

Partners, Funders or In-kind Donors That Support the Poetry Out Loud Program

Wal-Mart, Target, Trader Joe's, Sunstone Press, Ocean Tree Books, Albertsons Grocery, Lumen Press, New Mexico Museum of Art, Tres Chicas Books, Whole Foods and various individuals

Resources & Publications

Publications and Media Resources Provided:

- arts education advocacy toolkit
- cultural resources directory including arts education
- The arts education section of the new Web site will include information on arts education resources, research and advocacy. New Mexico Arts maintains an arts education e-mail list for sending periodic news. As part of the agency's post-Education Leaders Institute work, it is developing a directory of cultural resources by area.

Evaluation & Assessment

Methods of Self-Evaluation of State Arts Agency's Arts Education Program

- quantitative and qualitative grants data
- participation data
- financial data

Utilization of Evaluation

New Mexico Arts uses information provided by applicants in their final reports to evaluate programs. This information includes financial data, demographic information and participant data. It also reviews the trends in information.

Arts Education Staffing & Network Contacts

State Department of Education Arts Curriculum Specialist

Vicki Breen

State Alliance for Arts Education

New Mexico Alliance for Arts Education. New Mexico Arts is an ex officio member of the alliance. The alliance advises New Mexico Arts on arts education matters.

Arts Education Program Staff, Job Title, FTE

Jenice Gharib, Program Coordinator, 0.33

Arts Education Coordinator's Split Responsibilities

- other areas of work: arts in social service, local arts councils, statewide service organizations
- percent of time dedicated to arts education program: 33%

Staff Biographies

Jenice Gharib serves as program coordinator for arts in social service, arts learning in schools, local arts councils, and statewide service organizations programs. She manages the New Mexico component of the National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. Her varied experience includes running an organic coffee company, starting a joint venture in Poland, and turning around a bankrupt cable television company. More recently, Gharib has worked for arts organizations such as the Museum of Photographic Arts, the Southwest Literary Center of Recursos de Santa Fe and Santa Fe Performing Arts. She holds a B.S. in accounting and an M.F.A. in creative writing. She has published articles, reviews, essays, poetry and short fiction, and two of her short plays have been produced.