

Ohio's Museums Make a Difference in Our Communities!

Speak Up for Creativity!

- Creative industries contribute nearly \$32 billion to Ohio's economy annually, and support nearly 231,000 jobs in Ohio's economy annually. (*Center for Regional Development, BGSU, 2015*)
- Creative industries generate \$3.4 billion in annual federal, state and local tax revenue combined. (*Center for Regional Development, BGSU, 2015*)
- Creative industries are spread throughout Ohio – in rural and urban areas alike.

Speak Up for Tourism!

- Ohio's travel economy is strong, growing and significant, contributing \$43 billion and 427,000 jobs. Travel-related income taxes have increased by 19% over the last four years. "Relative to different industries, travel and tourism is a significant one," says Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa.
- Research shows that nearly one-third of new residents first visited their communities as tourists, and that when people visit Ohio they think more positively about the state as a place to start a business, live start a career or attend college.
- 76% of all American travelers participate in some type of cultural or heritage experience, and not just during long-haul trips. Ohio tourism includes travel to places at least 50 miles from the traveler's home.
- The J-1 Summer Work Travel, Camp Counselor and Intern programs are in jeopardy of being cut by a White House task force. More than 3,000 of these international students work in Ohio businesses, most located in small communities
- without enough employees. Faced with diminishing summer workers, these businesses rely on these workers to keep their doors open and American workers on the payroll. All of the Ohio businesses using these workers report they would reduce hours, invest less and hire fewer Americans should this program go away. Learn more [here](#).

Speak Up for Education in Museums!

- Academic museums support higher-learning initiatives by providing experiential and integrative learning experiences linked to classroom content in subjects like science, math, fine art, research, creative writing, and critical thinking.

Speak Up for Preservation!

- The Ohio History Connection's History Fund grant program provides critical grant funding not readily available from other sources for preservation of important artifacts of our shared history & cultural heritage for future generations.
- Since the start of the History Fund Program, The Fund has made 53 grants totaling \$522,000. Donations to the Ohio History Fund determine the number and size of grants made: the more Ohioans give, the more grants the History Fund can make! Learn more about the program and how you can help contribute to the History Fund at www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund.
- Public funding for organizations like ICA-Art Conservation, the oldest non-profit regional conservation center in the US, helps to conserve about **350** pieces of art each year—including public artwork from government bodies, museums and small historical societies! Learn more at www.ica-artconservation.org.

Speak Up for Federal Initiatives for Museums, Arts and Humanities!

- After the President's initial 2018 budget included the elimination of the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS), the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed legislation by a vote of 211-198 to provide \$1.23 trillion for an omnibus Fiscal Year 2018 spending package. This House budget calls for \$231 million for IMLS, \$145 million for the NEA and \$145 million for the NEH. See a full chart of museum and arts-related agencies impacted by the budget proposal [here](#).
- The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate, and they need to hear from you, their constituents, why they should support federal funding for the agencies that serve museums and cultural organizations. To learn more about the FY 2018 Budget, and how you can join contact your legislators, visit www.aam-us.org/advocacy.



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