

2017 Annual Report

Our Vision:

A thriving community united by creativity

Our Mission:

Connecting residents and visitors with arts & culture to enrich the Pikes Peak region

Our Goals:

1. **Cultivate** robust **participation** in arts & cultural experiences throughout the region
2. **Advocate** for **investment** in the region's cultural vitality
3. **Leverage** arts & cultural assets to help **brand** our community as an innovative and vibrant destination
4. **Foster collaboration** and cross-sector partnerships



The Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region is the designated local arts agency for El Paso and Teller counties, and the City of Colorado Springs.

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Our nonprofit arts & cultural sector generates

\$153.3 million in economic activity each year.

Learn more
at tinyurl.com/AEP5Report

Building Arts Engagement

Arts Month

Our fourth annual campaign in October had a fresh look and widespread support, making it the most successful yet.

- Supported by a \$10,000 NEA grant
- **\$102,000+** marketing campaign in partnership with American Advertising Federation of Colorado Springs
- **36,665 users** on PeakRadar.com (↑43% over 2016) and **154,610 users** on social media
- **20 ArtPOP events** co-presented by the Cultural Office & Pikes Peak Arts Council
- Debuted the region's first **Art-o-Mat®** machine



First Friday Shuttle Bus

We launched a free First Friday Shuttle Bus service to connect art walks in Downtown Colorado Springs and Old Colorado City.

- Over **500 riders** hopped aboard during the pilot period from July-October
- **Local artists** were paid to host each bus, offering local information and insight
- Local residents & tourists enjoyed **easier access** to area galleries and nearby restaurants and entertainment
- The bus route will **return in 2018 and expand** to include the Manitou Springs Creative District



Peak Radar

Peak Radar effectively operates as a free marketing service for over 430 local arts groups, across digital, print, and in-person platforms. In 2017, Peak Radar's reach grew faster than ever before, thanks to vibrant cross-sector partnerships and a marketing campaign in partnership with American Advertising Federation of Colorado Springs.

- Peak Radar's multi-platform program **reached 486,218 people** in 2017. The website, PeakRadar.com, served 29% more unique users resulting in 15% more page views this year over the previous year
- Over **4,000 events** were listed on PeakRadar.com in 2017
- Our new "Peak Radar Live" series featured **50 broadcasts** on Facebook
- The *Peak Radar Pages* print directory of 438 local arts groups **reached 70,000 people** through a new printing and distribution partnership with *The Gazette*
- Our Peak Radar arts outreach booth engaged **over 670** residents & tourists at 11 summer events throughout the community



Connecting Arts & Community

Research

In July, we released the results of the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study, orchestrated locally by the Cultural Office in cooperation with Americans for the Arts.

- The study provides evidence that the local nonprofit arts and cultural sector is a significant industry in the Pikes Peak region - one that generates **\$153.3 million** in annual economic activity
- We hosted Randy Cohen of Americans for the Arts as part of the release event
- We delivered summaries of the results to local leaders and elected officials



Advocacy

We know that creativity is a catalyst for regional innovation, growth, and economic vitality, and we advocate for the value of arts & culture throughout the year.

- Advocacy with City of Colorado Springs leadership resulted in a significant increase in our 2017 **LART funding**
- **Presented to elected officials** and secured Arts Month proclamations from 8 local municipalities and the State
- **Speaking engagements** with numerous community organizations, and service on diverse boards and regional initiatives



“Absolutely love working with the team at the Cultural Office. I think their mission is of absolute importance in the region. Keep up the great work!” - Brian McDonald, Motivate Creative

Financials

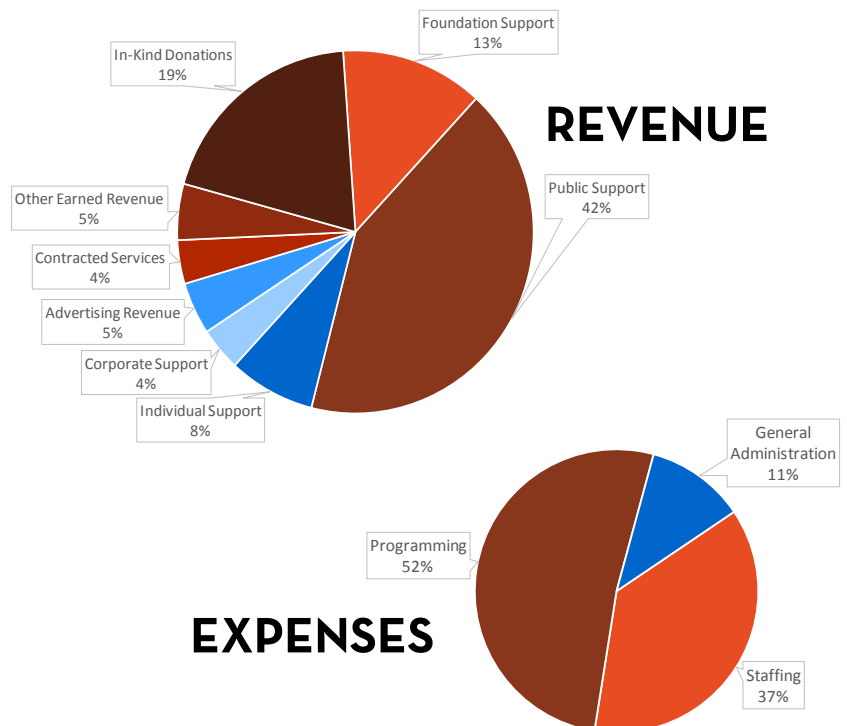
REVENUE

	TOTAL
Foundation Support	\$68,813
Public Support	\$223,511
Individual Support	\$41,750
Corporate Support	\$20,550
Advertising Revenue	\$24,710
Contracted Services	\$20,650
Other Earned Revenue	\$26,567
In-Kind Donations	\$104,000
Total Revenue	\$530,551

EXPENSES

	TOTAL
Staffing	\$182,471
Programming	\$255,423
General Administration	\$55,998
Total Expenses	\$493,892

Total Assets as of 12/31/2017 **\$266,733**





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