



Follow Your Art Community Studios builds community by supporting creative endeavors for all. As a nonprofit community arts center, we offer opportunities for learning, growth, discovery, and creativity through visual arts, craft, writing, and performance. We are committed to inclusivity and diversity in the arts and strive to create an accessible and welcoming environment for people of all ages, abilities, identities, cultural backgrounds, and economic situations.

## 2023 OVERVIEW

Follow Your Art Community Studios continues to build creative community by successfully:

- Offering creative opportunities for all ages through classes, workshops, gallery exhibits, storytelling, concerts, monthly creative writing sessions, teen coffeehouses, and author talks
- Providing studio space for artists, writers, and creatives of all kinds to create and promote work, make connections, and share their skills
- Collaborating with local partners on free community art projects
- Mentoring and employing dozens of high school youth creatives through the *Create Your Opportunity*
- Supporting dozens of families with financial assistance and adaptive support through *Arts for All*



**1,000+**

youth, adult, & senior participants

**9**

staff members, plus a growing cohort of committed instructors & volunteers

**250+**

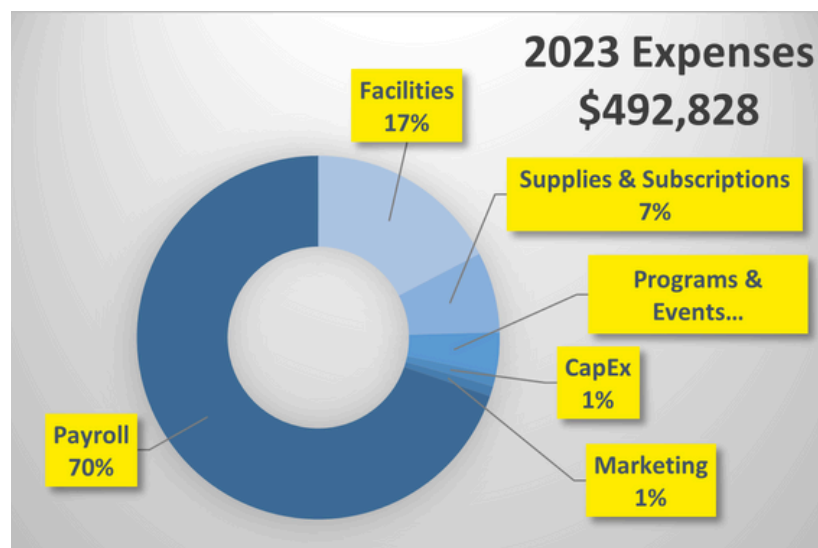
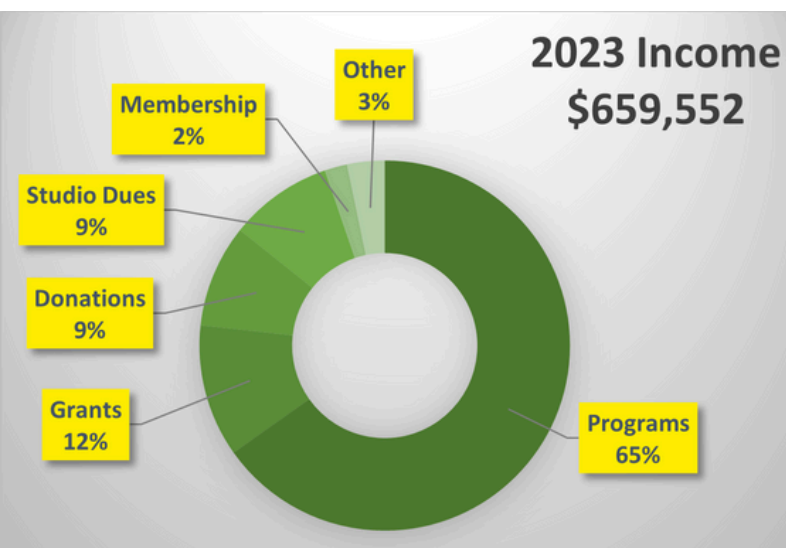
classes, workshops, & special events

**\$9,425**

in *Arts for All* financial and adaptive assistance

**30**

artists and writers in residence



Your generous support makes creative experiences accessible to everyone in our community!

Follow Your Art Community Studios has become a vital resource for local creatives since opening in Melrose, MA in 2019. Our vibrant, welcoming space and creative community foster a deep sense of belonging and creative opportunities for all. Visit the Big Yellow House to see (and create!) for yourself.

In 2023, more than 160 individuals, families, businesses, and foundations supported our work through donations, grants, and collaborations. Thank you for being part of our story and helping us write the next exciting chapter.



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