

PUSHING FOR CHANGE

Back in March, I started my advocacy by sending a letter to the Minister of Canadian Heritage directly, urging her to take action.



Since then, I've followed up with the Minister in face-to-face meetings, and by raising the issue in Parliament.



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Next, I explored different funding models with Michelle Cawla, the CEO for the Canada Council for the Arts, which distributes the majority of federal arts dollars.



Scan to read my letter to Minister of Canadian Heritage.

QUICK FACTS

While regions like Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Montreal receive an average of \$18.30 per capita in federal arts funding, our region receives only \$3.39 per person - more than five times less!

As a result, our community faced a **\$9.3 million** federal funding gap in 2022 alone!

Our community deserves better.

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I've proposed a simple solution in my Motion 129:

1. Restore federal arts funding to 2021 levels.
2. Redistribute arts funding more fairly by applying the Regional Development Model.

ADD YOUR VOICE



Scan to sign the petition and call on the federal government to act.

FAIRNESS IN FEDERAL ARTS FUNDING

Addressing the \$9 million inequity in our region



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The arts breathe life into our city - helping us come together to celebrate, reflect, and learn from one another. They provide a way to express our cultures, remember our history, and imagine our future.

They're also a significant driver of economic development - contributing \$54.8 billion to Canada's GDP in 2021.

Yet our community, like so many others across the country, remains under-funded at the federal level.

While regions like Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Montreal receive an average of \$18.30 per person, ours receives just \$3.39 per capita - a \$9.3 million gap in 2022 alone!

As a result, local artists and creatives often have to balance multiple jobs to make ends meet, and people in our community have reduced access to meaningful art and cultural experiences - from concerts, to museums, to street art.



Consulting with the local arts community.



Scan to read the full motion text.

ADD YOUR VOICE

Our voices are stronger together!

I'm proud to sponsor a petition, initiated by a local musician, calling on the governing party to adopt the measures from Motion 129 - and invite you to add your name!

Find the petition on my website at mikemorricemp.ca/arts-equity or by scanning the code below.



Tell the federal government to act. Scan to sign!



MOTION 129

Following consultation with local artists, creatives, and arts leaders, I've put forward a simple solution in Motion 129:

- **Restore** federal arts funding to 2021 levels.
- **Redistribute** arts funding more equitably throughout Canada by applying the Regional Development Model - that has already been used successfully to distribute economic development dollars more fairly across regions.

