

WELCOME!!!!

October 9, 2018

Agenda

MIX & MINGLE – 5:30

BEGIN – 6:00

INTRODUCTION TO ADVOCACY– 6:05

ERIE COUNTY FUNDING PROCESS &

ACTION ITEMS – 6:45



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Introduction & Advocacy

Erie County Funding Process

- Annual release of the County's budget
- Inclusion of Arts & Cultural Funding
- During this time (and continual throughout the year) we should be communicating the importance of our organizations & sector



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Important Dates

- **Jan 1 - Dec 31:** County's Fiscal Year
- **October 15 (on or before):** County Executive Releases Proposed Budget
- **November 19 or 20:** Public Budget Hearing
- **1st Tuesday in Dec (on or before):** Annual Meeting to Adopt Budget



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Action Items For Funded Orgs

- **October 15 (on or before):** County Executive Releases Proposed Budget
 - Send letters to County Executive & Legislature
 - Schedule individual meetings with legislators
- **November 19 or 20:** Public Budget Hearing
 - Attend (& get your sign!) & Show Your Support
 - Sign Up to Speak at the Hearing
- **1st Tuesday in Dec (on or before):** Annual Meeting to Adopt Budget



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Details: Adoption of Budget

- If legislature adopts **with no** additions or increases, no further action by the County Executive is required.
 - County Executive **cannot** reverse deletions or decreases.
- If legislature adopts **with** additions or increases, County Executive has to review.
 - If County Executive objects to the added or increased items he must inform legislature so they have opportunity to override his veto.
 - 2/3 of the voting membership is required to override a veto.

Resources

- Contact info for County Executive & Legislature:
<http://www2.erie.gov/legislature/>
- More info & entire 2019 Proposed Budget:
<http://www2.erie.gov/legislature/index.php?q=county-budget>



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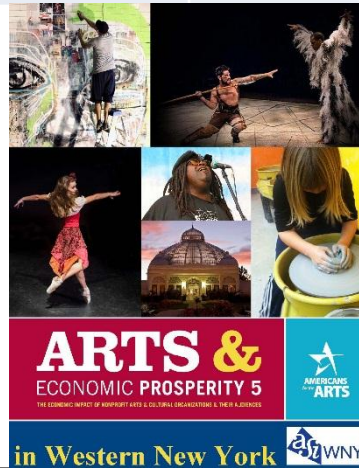
Arts & Economic Prosperity Report

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ARTS SERVICES INITIATIVE
OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC

Total Economic Impact	\$352.1 Million
Organizational Spending	\$156 Million
Audience Attendee Spending	\$196.1 Million
Full Time Equivalent Jobs	10,160
Local & State Govt Revenue	\$40.3 Million



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Resources

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- **Letter Templates**
- **Erie County Contact Information**
- **To have your org sign created for the budget hearing**
- **Questions**



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Q&A

Thoughts, issues, questions,
ideas??



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2020 Funding Information

- Application released **late February**
- Deadline –
 - **Short Form: Late April**
 - **Long Form: Early May**
- Format may be changed (to an all online submission).



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