

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

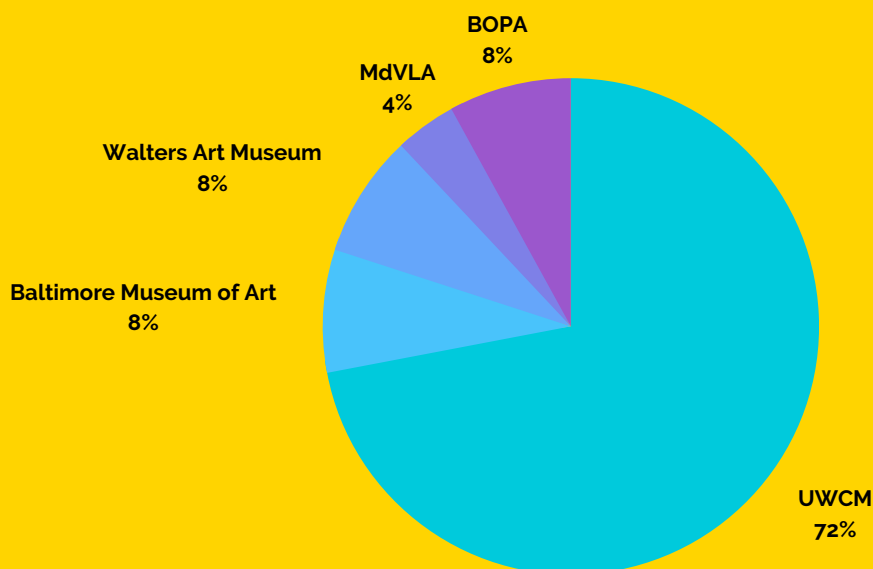
Mayor Scott Announces \$6.25 Million Investment in Baltimore's Arts Community, Including \$4.5 Million "Diversity in Arts Grant" To Support Underrepresented Art and Cultural Institutions

Mayor Brandon M. Scott announced additional investments in the arts made possible with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a combined total of \$6.25 million focused on supporting arts and cultural institutions led by diverse artists and groups.

The **\$6.25 million investment** will be deployed as follows:

- **United Way of Central Maryland (UWCM) will serve as a fiscal partner managing a \$4.5 million grant award process** to support diverse and marginalized art and cultural organizations.
- **Baltimore Museum of Art and Walters Art Museum will each receive \$500,000** to replace aging HVAC systems for a total of \$1 million.
- **Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (MdVLA) will receive \$250,000** to support increased in-house legal and administrative capacity at MdVLA to meet demand and ensure that Baltimore's creative small business community has access to legal assistance to address economic hardships brought on by COVID-19.
- **Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA) will receive an additional \$500,000** to support individual artists impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BUDGET SNAPSHOT: \$6.25 MILLION



SUMMARY:

- \$4.5 Million to United Way of Central Maryland (UWCM)
- \$500,000 for Baltimore Museum of Art
- \$500,000 for Walters Art Museum
- \$500,000 Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA)
- \$250,000 Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (MdVLA)

For more information about the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs and for updates on ARPA Funding, please visit arp.baltimorecity.gov