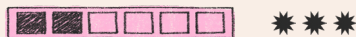


Integrate Arts and Creativity into the City's System

City Statement of Value for the Arts

The City adopts a Statement of Values for the Arts to:

- Signal to the community the role local artists have and will continue to have in the future growth of the City.
- Remind stakeholders of the importance of the arts and the creative economy.
- Ensure that arts and artists are top of mind for City officials when making decisions.



Arts and Culture Policy and Planning

The City continues to include and expand the role of arts and culture in all levels of decision making, community planning, and development processes.



Enhance Arts and Business Development

Somerville Arts Council Grant Expansion

The City expands Somerville Arts Council grant programs. It should allocate more funding and expand grant categories.



Somerville Arts and Culture Assistance Collective

The City works with the arts community to create a Somerville Arts and Culture Assistance Collective.



Artist Entrepreneurship Programming

The City expands entrepreneurship programs for artists developing their businesses.



Assess and Monitor Somerville's Arts Ecosystem

Creative Space Inventory

The City continues to develop an Arts and Cultural Space Inventory to track the arts and creative ecosystem of Somerville.



Artist Census

The City creates and maintains an artist census to track individual creatives living and working in the city.



Cultivate and Preserve Creative Space

Community Ownership of Cultural Space

The City supports community ownership of creative and cultural space.



More Affordable Artist Housing

The City incentivizes the creation of more affordable artist housing.



Tax Incentives

The City considers tax breaks for property owners for creating/maintaining affordable arts spaces.



Arts & Community Space Catalog

The City evaluates all indoor and outdoor spaces available for arts and community events. It shares a list that includes costs and contact information.



Support Arts and Culture through Zoning and City Ordinances

Arts and Creative Enterprise (ACE) Refinements

The City enacts a protocol about how to manage ACE set-asides to ensure their success in supporting the creative community. The City adapts them when necessary.



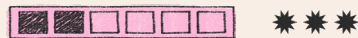
Arts and Creative Enterprise (ACE) Set-Aside Affordability

The City researches the feasibility of an affordability requirement in the 5% set-asides for Arts and Creative Enterprise.



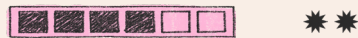
Agent of Change Policy

The City adopts and supports an Agent of Change Policy.



Creative and Cultural Districts

The City creates and establishes Arts, Culture, and Creative Districts throughout the city. It does so using local ordinances and the Massachusetts Cultural Council Cultural District designations.



Identify and Establish Arts and Creative Funding Sources

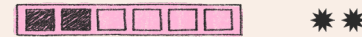
District-Based Financing Mechanisms

The City funds the arts by exploring the feasibility of district-based financing mechanisms.



Short-term Rental Community Impact Fee

The City opts into the Short-term Rental Community Impact Fee, with at least 50% of the funds going to arts and cultural displacement.



Patrons for the Arts Program

The City creates a Patrons for the Arts crowdfunding platform to encourage the Somerville community to support local projects.



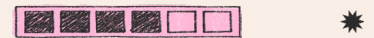
Property Tax Surcharge

The City explores the feasibility of a small property tax percentage supporting arts and culture.



Outside Grant Opportunities

The City invests more staff time and/or paid opportunities for residents to apply for grants to bring more funding for the arts into Somerville.



Percent for Art Program

The City considers adoption of a Percent-for-Art Program.

