

2025 Puerto Rico Annual Report

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Image: Recording session with José Fabián Rosa - Musical director of Música Pa' Culebra, and Jorge in Culebra. Credit: Jacinto Salcedo.



Image: Pleneros del Barrio performing at Feria de Los Hijos de Bélgica in Ponce, Puerto Rico.
Credit: Juan A. Colón.

About Mid Atlantic Arts

Mid Atlantic Arts supports artists, presenters, and organizations through unique programming, grant support, partnerships, and information sharing. Created in 1979, Mid Atlantic Arts is aligned with the region's state arts councils and the National Endowment for the Arts. We combine state and federal funding with private support from corporations, foundations, and individuals to nurture diverse artistic expression while connecting people to meaningful arts experiences within our region and beyond.

MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen and serve the arts and culture ecosystem in the mid-Atlantic region by elevating local voices through accessible resources, programs, and partnerships.

VISION

A thriving and self-sustaining creative economy in the mid-Atlantic region where investment is amplified, creativity and civic life are bridged, and art is a catalyst for community prosperity and well-being.

VALUES

CURIOSITY

Learning, exploring, and working with empathy

COLLABORATION

Building and nurturing purposeful human connections

EQUITY

Acknowledging and addressing disparities within the arts

TRUST

Fostering reliability, open communication and transparency in operations

ACCESSIBILITY

Expanding opportunities for participation in the arts

ADAPTABILITY

Being open to change and committing to innovation



Image: Cultural Sustainability: Community Roots Program Graphic. Credit: Illustration by Uzo Njoku.

Impact Summary 2025



\$175,770

Investment



640

Participants



11

Grants Awarded



12

Events



Puerto Rico Partnership Support \$12,000

INSTITUTO de CULTURA
PUERTORRIQUEÑA



4

Cities

4

Municipios

Grantees per city

Grantees per city	
Culebra	2
Ponce	2
San Juan	6
San Lorenzo	1



Image: Three generations together figuring out how to build skate boards and skateboarding ramps in the wood shop. Credit: Jacinto Salcedo.

The Island Way

Mujeres de Islas, [Culebra](#)

Mujeres de Islas (Women from the Islands) integrates hands-on learning with community building through what they call the Headquarters of Life-Learning Experiences (SEVA – Sede de Experiencias Vivas de Aprendizaje in Spanish). The organization provides a wide range of programming, bringing community members of all ages together to plant, cook, repair, build, and share knowledge through workshops in woodworking, textiles, pottery, and cooking. Their programs combine environmental stewardship, emergency preparedness, community development and sustainability, artistic expression, and affordable housing.

They share their space—an old abandoned school that has been restored—with Fundación de Culebra’s music program, *Música Pa’ Culebra*.

Cultural Sustainability: Community Roots:
Mujeres de Islas. Culebra, PR.



Image: Leadership of Mujeres de Islas: Sofía, Marissa, Dulce del Río, and Alexandría. Credit: Jacinto Salcedo.

PY2025 Program participation for Puerto Rico

ArtsCONNECT

Collaborative tours by mid-Atlantic presenters, featuring performances and complementary engagement activities that deepen connections among artists, audiences, and communities.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
LA CASA DE LA PLENA TITO MATOS, INC., SAN JUAN	Los Pleneros de la 21	\$12,000

Cultural Sustainability: Community Roots

Unrestricted operational support to arts organizations founded by, with, and for communities of color allowing them to sustain and expand their practices, benefiting the communities they serve.

Organization Primary Benefit	Amount
FUNDACION DE CULEBRA, INC., CULEBRA	\$47,000
MUJERES DE ISLAS, INC., CULEBRA	\$67,000

Jazz Touring Network

Presenter-based membership program supporting professional development, partnerships, and and working together to curate tours that reflect the richness of the field of jazz.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
PRO ARTE MUSICAL, INC., SAN JUAN	Jonathan Barber & Vision Ahead	\$4,500

Mid Atlantic Folk and Traditional Arts Community Projects

Funds projects that sustain traditional arts and cultural communities in the region, including public performances, exhibitions, workshops, and collaborations.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
ARTE Y MANA, INC., SAN JUAN	Fiesta Centinela Community Festival	\$5,600
ESCUELA DE BOMBA Y PLENA CARIDAD BRENES DE CEPEDA, SAN JUAN	Zafra: A Tribute to Afro-Puerto Rican Heritage	\$5,600

Special Presenter Initiatives

SPI supports performing arts engagements at small and mid-size arts and community organizations in DC, DE, PR, USVI, and WV.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
ESCUELA DE BOMBA Y PLENA CARIDAD BRENES DE CEPEDA, SAN JUAN	Kalindá	\$4,500
PATRIA Y CULTURA, INC., PONCE	Conjunto Típico Promoviendo La Cultura en Concierto	\$7,000
PATRIA Y CULTURA, INC., PONCE	Conjunto La Perla de Ponce	\$4,900
PRODUCTORA ANGELES-DEL-FIN, INC., SAN LORENZO	Josean Ortiz / Latinx Performance Ensemble	\$7,000

USArtist International®

Supports in-person performances by American artists at international festivals and global performing arts marketplaces outside the United States. Funds individuals and ensembles across disciplines.

Organization Primary Benefit	Amount
GIBARO DE PUERTO RICO, SAN JUAN	\$10,670

The National Leaders of Color Fellowships cohort 2024-2025

The National Leaders of Color Fellowships builds multicultural leadership in the arts,

MARIA ROBERTA DUARTE MIRANDA, **DORADO**

IMAGINE NEXT

Strategic Plan
2025-2029



Model

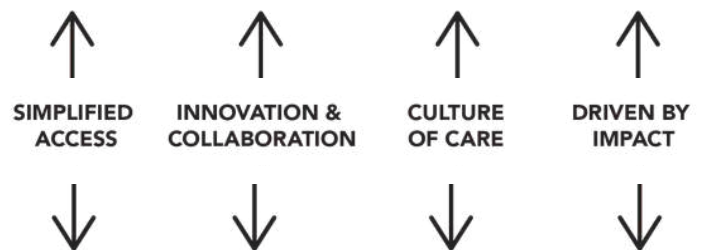
FOCUS AREAS

WHAT WE DO

1. Elevating Local Voices
2. Learning, Connecting, and Convening
3. Working Towards a Sustainable Ecosystem

OPERATIONAL PILLARS

HOW WE DO IT



NEW HORIZONS

WHAT COMES NEXT

- A. From Hyper Local to Global
- B. Art and Technology
- C. Cross-Sector Development