In 2010 and 2013, NAMAC distributed over 1,000 surveys to known media arts organizations in the United States. The aggregated results from the Mapping the Field surveys represent the first-ever, comprehensive data set documenting the media arts field.

Two-thirds of the responding media arts organizations are independent nonprofits; the rest are units of local government or are part of educational institutions, museums or other types of nonprofits. Combined, these media arts organizations buy $36 million annually of television, video, radio, computer and other media equipment.

The independent media arts field reaches more than 100 million listeners and viewers each year through television, video, radio, audio, film and digital media.

The organizations surveyed provide multiple services and conduct activities with artists, youth and the general public in production, education, broadcast or cablecast; collection and preservation; exhibition and distribution; and other related areas.
The field is well established and increasingly diverse. Media arts organizations around the country provide content and services to audiences and artists that are more diverse than general U.S. demographics might suggest. A similar orientation towards diversity and multicultural perspectives were reported in staff and board makeup.

### Average Estimated Operating Expense

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One-third of the organizations own their buildings, with an average worth of just over $3 million; together, these real estate holdings have an estimated value of more than $500 million.

### Aggregate (536 Orgs.) Est. Operating Budgets

$403,325,528

### Revenue Streams

#### 2010

- **Government Support**: 37% ($85M)
- **Earned Income**: 18% ($85M)
- **Business/Industry Support**: 10% ($20M)
- **Foundation Support**: 10% ($23M)
- **Private Individuals**: 9% ($20M)
- **Other cable franchise fees, space rentals, university-based programs, student fees, and other nonprofits**: 16% ($23M)

**Total Revenues**: $288,675,000

#### 2013

- **Government Support**: 36% ($49M)
- **Earned Income**: 19% ($21M)
- **Business/Industry Support**: 11% ($12M)
- **Foundation Support**: 10% ($14M)
- **Private Individuals**: 9% ($26M)
- **Other cable franchise fees, space rentals, university-based programs, student fees, and other nonprofits**: 15% ($15M)

**Total Revenues**: $136,950,000

Changes in funding sources between 2010 and 2013 were generally too small to be statistically significant; funding sources largely appeared to be consistent during the three-year interval. Expenditures, however, showed a pattern of spending more on programs and services and less on management and overhead.

In what is a particular strength and characteristic of this field, media arts groups leverage their capacity through active partnerships with other community-based organizations of various types. As much as 80 percent of the total sample reported an increase in partnership activities from 2010 to 2013.

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