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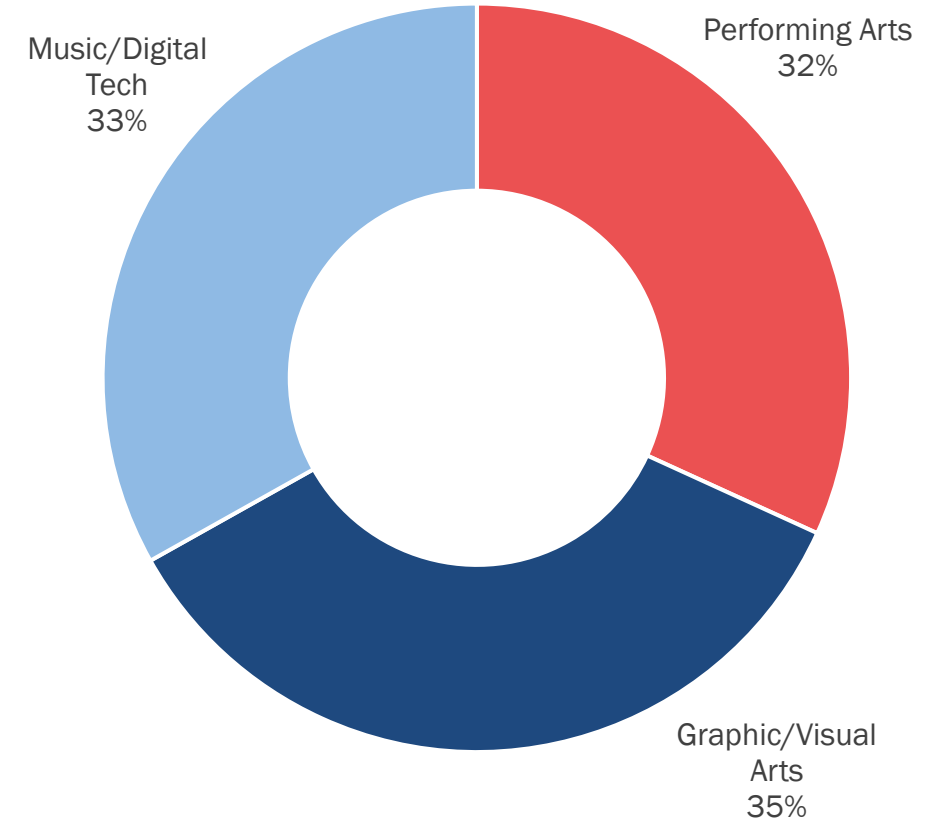
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ARTS Part I was a smashing success!

The first RIDE ARTS grant distributed \$4.5M to LEAs across the state to support the arts in schools and was *wildly* successful!

- **Davies** started a school band for the first time in the school's history.
- **East Providence** added new lighting and audio equipment for Riverside Middle School, and choir risers for student performances in their elementary schools.
- **Providence** used funding to send the Mt. Pleasant marching band to participate in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, and purchased new kilns and instruments for their elementary schools.
- **Chariho** used the grant to purchase state-of-the-art theater equipment, procure musical instruments, support in-residence programs and create scholarship and mentorship opportunities for students.



RI Schools are ready for an ENCORE!

The state is pledging another \$5M from the SBA Capital Fund for LEAs to continue their work with ARTS Part II!

- ARTS Part II will provide funding to 53 eligible LEAs that enroll 126,000 students:
 - Funding is again distributed on a per-student basis, with 16 districts receiving over \$100K.
 - \$500K in equity boost will be provided to the 5 most challenged districts in the state.
- Funding can be used in any art-related field. Examples of eligible expenses include musical instruments, art supplies, audio/visual or culinary equipment. They can also be used to create murals, add art installations, support performing arts or even an artist in residence.

