



# Indy Arts Leaders Meetup

JUNE 9, 2026  
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**Welcome**

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# Agenda

- 01 NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS
- 02 WELCOME & PARTNER REMARKS
- 03 INDY ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES
- 04 BREAKOUT GROUPS





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# INDY ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES

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INDY ARTS COUNCIL

# Arts Organization Services

Indy Arts Council provides a variety of services to central Indiana arts and culture organizations—including meetups, training, professional development, funding, advocacy tools, and more.

[Learn More →](#)



# City Advocacy

## INDY ARTS COUNCIL

### **THROUGH SUMMER:**

- Met with City-County Council Chief of Staff
- Meeting with councilors
- Meetings with Mayor re: 2027 budget
- Bond Bank and CIB presentations

**AUGUST:** Budget is introduced

**SEPTEMBER:** Public meeting and comment

**OCTOBER:** Budget is finalized

## ARTS COMMUNITY

**NOW & ALWAYS:** Build relationships with your councilors through meetings, events, letters

**TBD:** Additional public comment opportunities

**SEPTEMBER:** Public meeting and comment



# Federal Advocacy

## HOUSE INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

**May 21, 2026**

- Proposed \$135M each to NEA and NEH (35% cut)
- Improvement over President's proposed budget (minimal funds in order to close these agencies)

**ArtsActionFund.org** provides resources for contacting your Members of Congress in support of full funding for these agencies.



# Mini-Series: Financial Sustainability

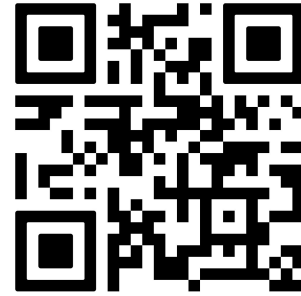
## Financial Statements 101: Demystifying Nonprofit Numbers

JUNE 18, 10-11:30 am

## Red Flag, Yellow Flag: Monitoring Nonprofit Financial Health

JUNE 25, 10-11:30 am

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8711 RIVER CROSSING BLVD, INDIANAPOLIS



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# Upcoming Grants

## CREATIVE RENEWAL ARTS FELLOWSHIP

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Eligibility application due **June 14**

## ART & SOUL ACTIVATION GRANTS (2027)

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Application opens **September 2026** (tentative)

## ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM

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Application opens **Fall 2026** (tentative)





# **Start With Art**

## August 20, 2026

### Indiana Roof Ballroom

Photo: Mike Lee Productions



**Questions?**



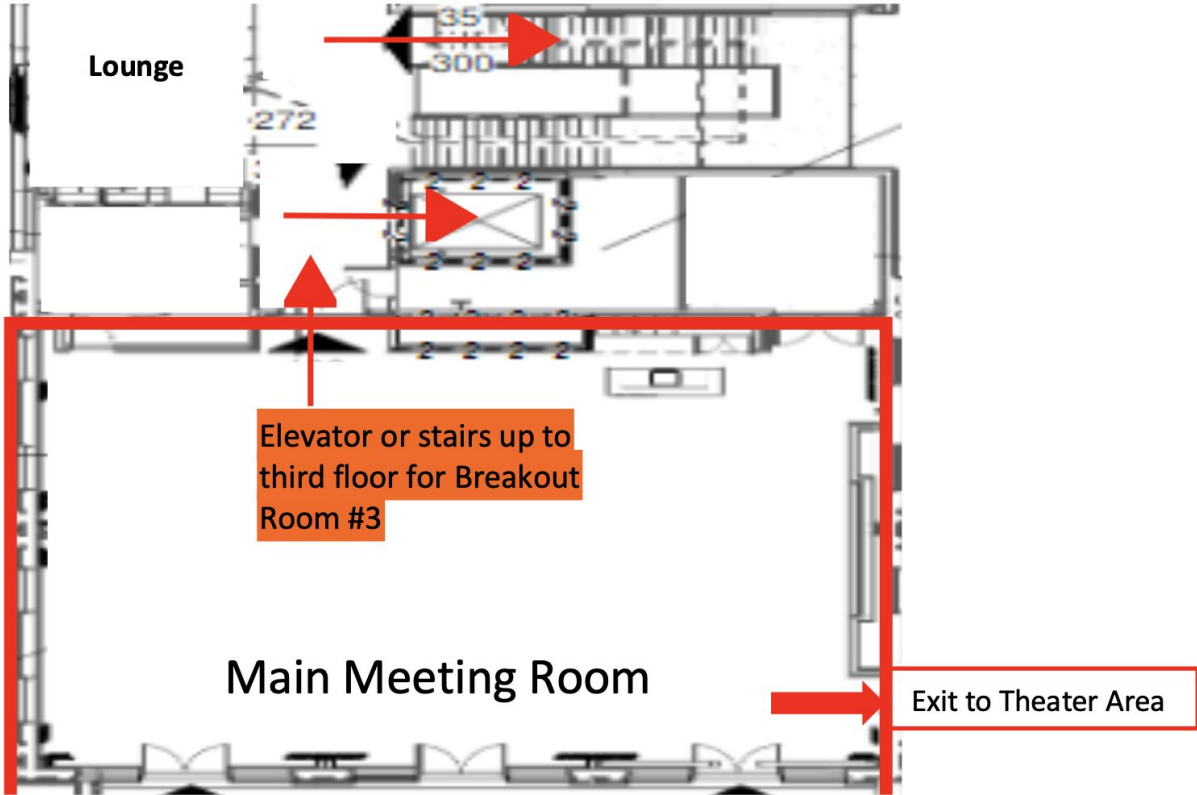


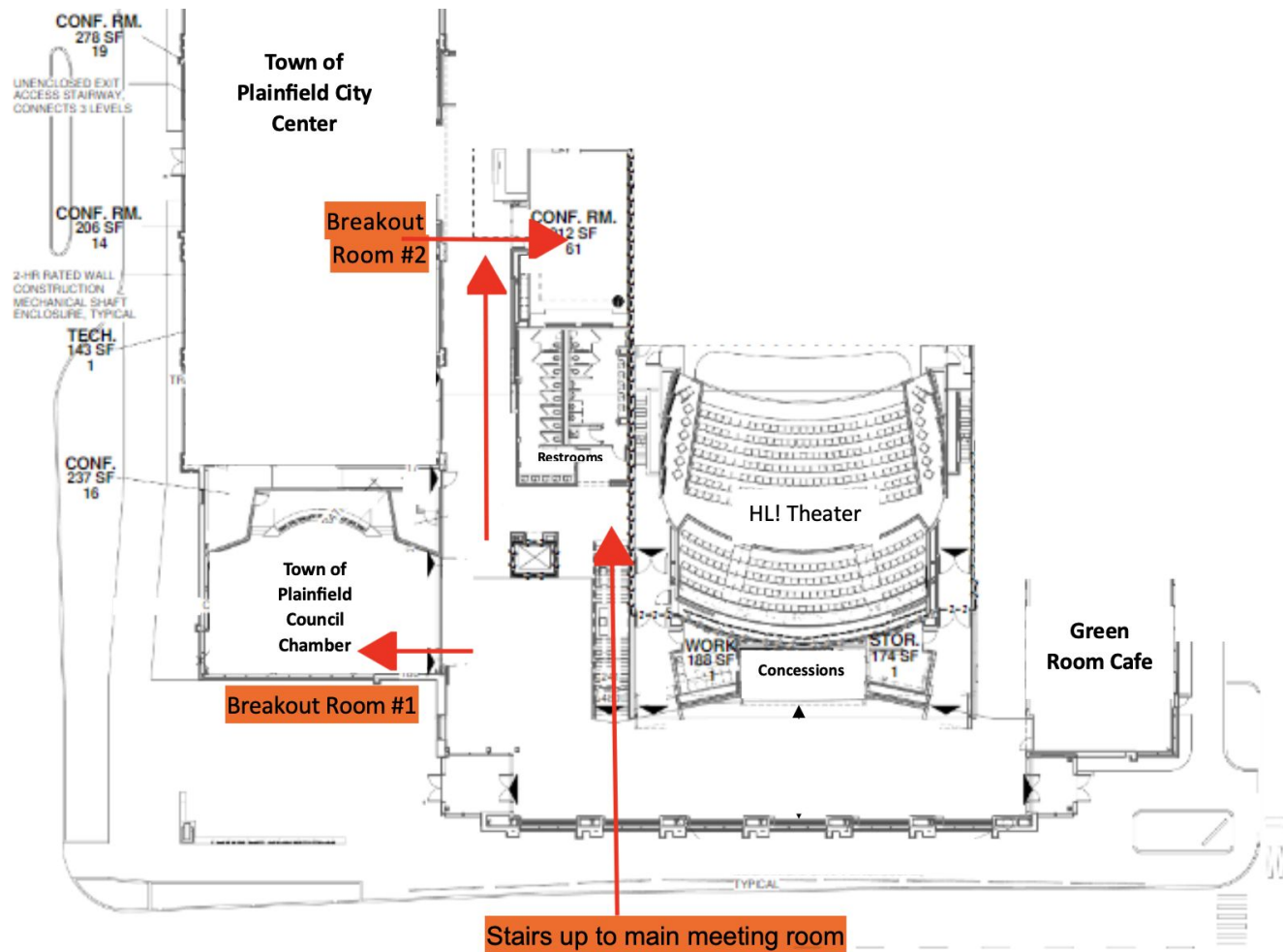
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# Breakout Groups

- Small Performing Arts Organization Collaborations
- Old City Hall Development Concept
- Marketing Resources from Indy Arts Council
- Arts Experiences at Large Downtown Events
- Building Relationships With Funders







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**Thank you!**

Next Arts Leaders Meetup

10–11:30 a.m. August 11

at Indianapolis Ballet

