The Arts & Economic Prosperity study provides compelling new evidence that the nonprofit arts are a $142.4 million industry in the State of Delaware—one that attracts audiences, spurs business development, supports jobs, and generates government revenue.

Nonprofit arts organizations, which spend $100.4 million each year, leverage a remarkable $42 million in additional spending by arts audiences—spending that pumps vital revenue into local restaurants, hotels, retail stores, parking garages, and other businesses.

Arts & Economic Prosperity lays to rest the common misconception that communities support the arts at the expense of local economic development. This study sends a strong signal that when we support the arts, we not only enhance our quality of life, but we also invest in Delaware’s economic well-being.

The impact of spending by arts organizations is far reaching: they pay their employees, purchase supplies, and acquire assets within the local community. Additionally, unlike most other industries, the nonprofit arts leverage significant amounts of event-related spending by their audiences.