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Full-Time Equivalent Jobs	410
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Local Government Revenue	\$495,000
State Government Revenue	\$765,000

Event-Related Arts and Culture Audience Spending		
	Residents*	Non-Residents*
Attendance	600,628	202,351
Percent of Total	74.8%	25.2%
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Total Spending	\$7,922,282	\$4,585,272

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