

A young girl with glasses is focused on painting with watercolors. She is holding a paintbrush and dipping it into a palette of various colors. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be an art classroom or studio setting.

ARTS CREATE A BETTER RI, AND NOT JUST FOR ARTISTS...

**THROUGH YOUR STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS, INVESTMENT
IN ARTS AND CULTURE CONTINUES TO GROW AND THRIVE.
EVERY CITY AND TOWN CAN ATTEST TO IT.**

- The Arts contribute more than \$2 billion annually to the RI economy.
- The sector employs more than 18,000 individuals.
- Rhode Island is third in the nation in the number of arts related businesses per capita. Exceeded only by California and New York.

**WHEN THE ARTS THRIVE, RHODE ISLAND BUSINESSES
FLOURISH AND SO DOES OUR ECONOMY. THE ARTS...**

- Keep our restaurants full.
- Fill our parking lots and garages.
- Bring customers to our retail shops and performance spaces.

With all this economic and creative energy from our world-class arts community, your Arts Council will never stop investing in the arts.

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