

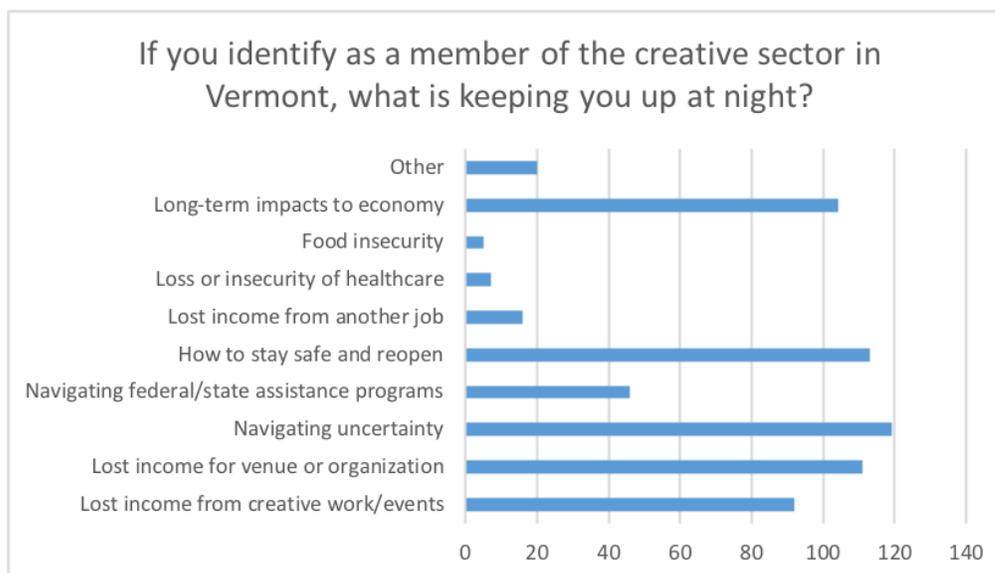
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CREATIVE SECTOR RECOVERY & RESPONSE FORUM

\$44 M
*event-related
spending annually*

9%
Vermont jobs

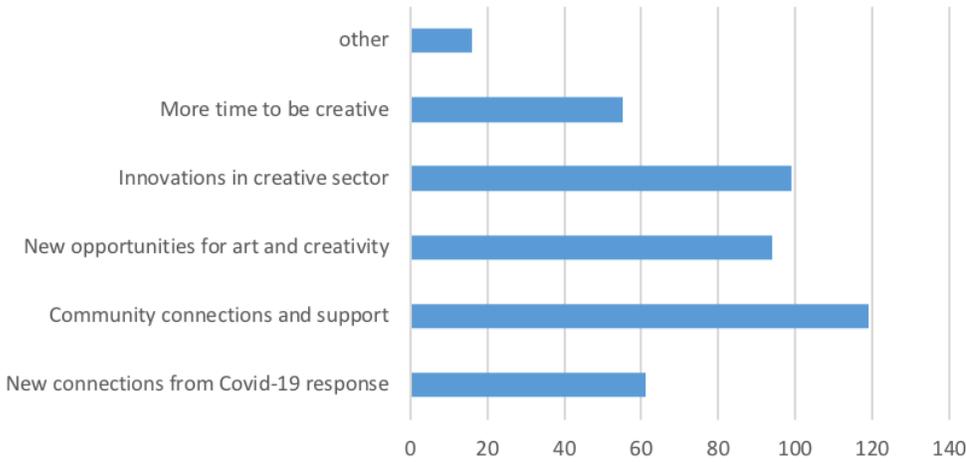
The creative sector is essential to Vermont's recovery and provides more than 9% of all jobs. The Forum provided an opportunity for legislators and policymakers to hear from the creative sector.



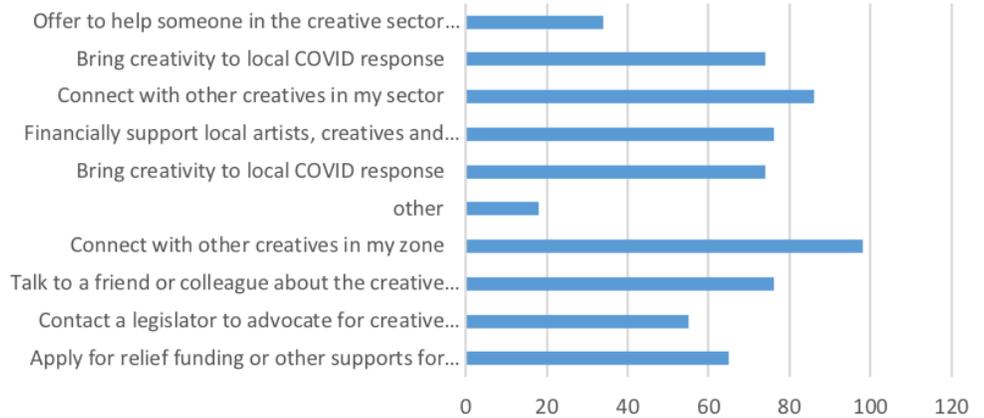
With museums and galleries shuttered and theaters and performance halls gone quiet, many in Vermont's creative sector are grappling with the unknown. Most survey respondents said navigating uncertainty keeps them up at night. But having strong community connections and support makes them most hopeful. Other top concerns were how to reopen safely and lost income for a venue or organization.

Nearly 500 artists, creatives, and policymakers from all regions of Vermont registered to attend the Forum, which was co-hosted by the Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont Creative Network. More than one-fourth of participants responded to several poll questions designed to capture the immediate experience of living through the nation's health and economic crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

What makes you hopeful?



What actions do you plan to take after this call to grow and support the creative sector?



In which creative zone do you live or primarily work?

