Connections & Exchanges:
5-year update

Edmonton Arts Council

3 ambitions to strive toward

8 aims to chart progress

55 actions to drive progress
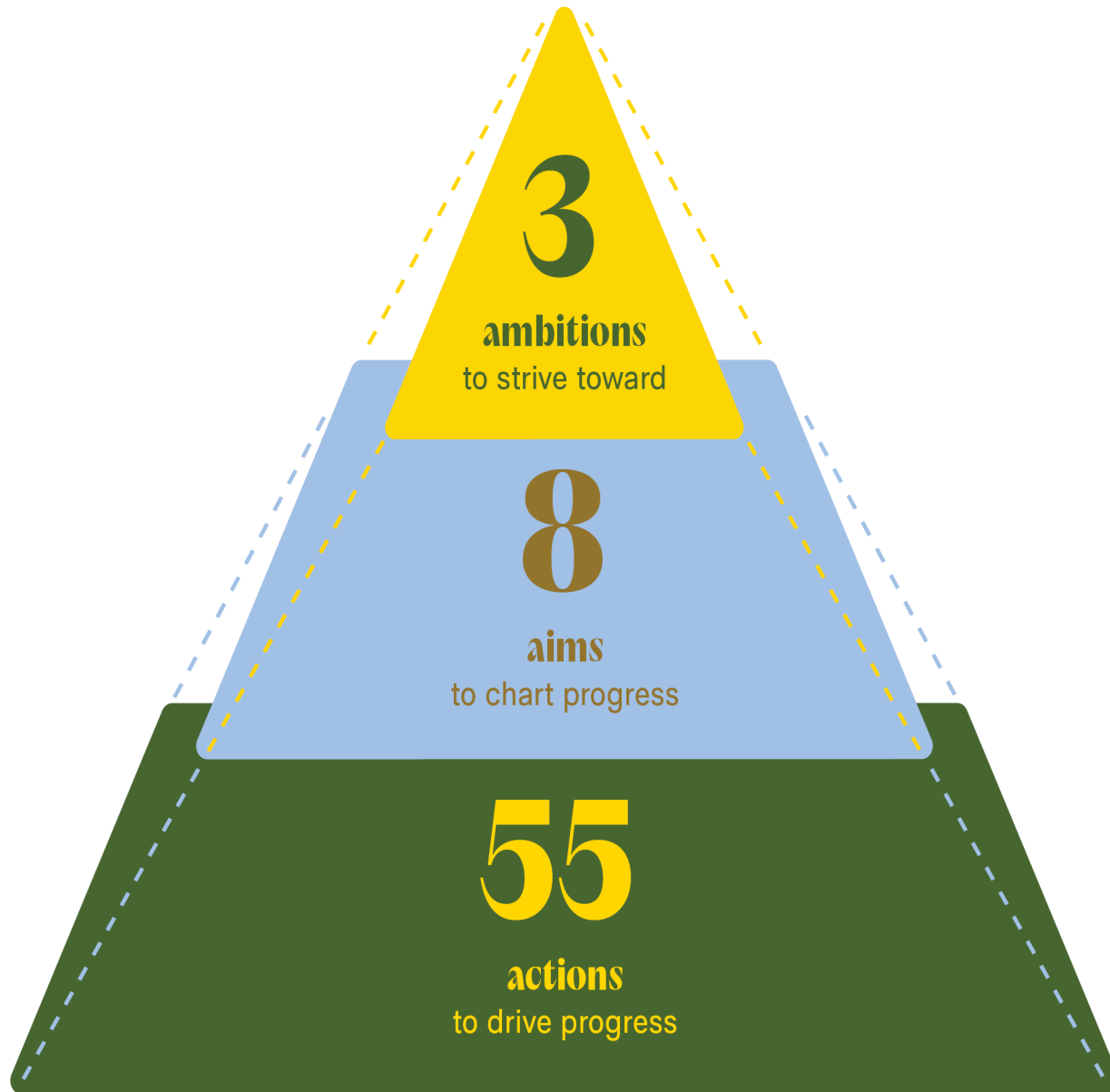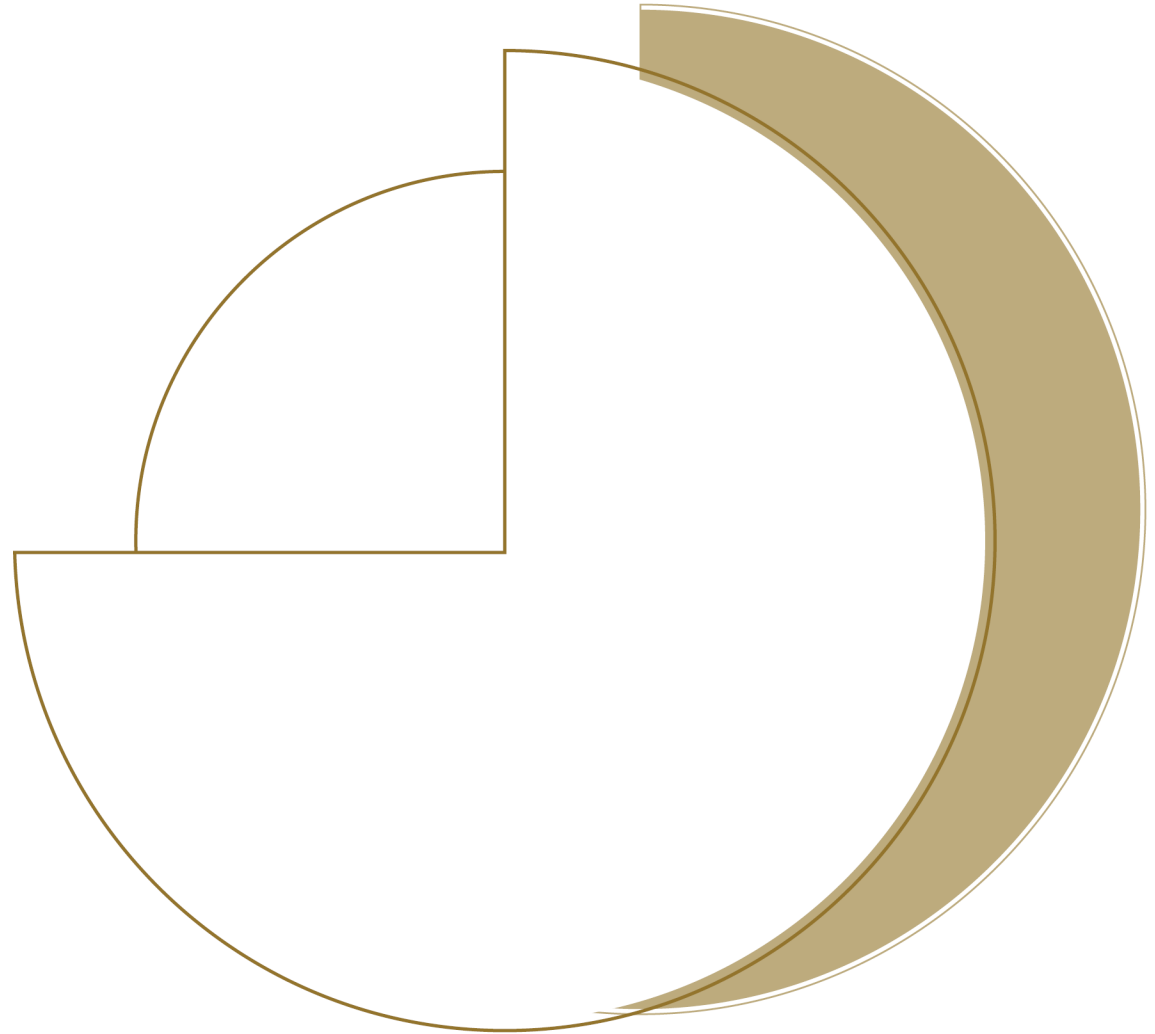
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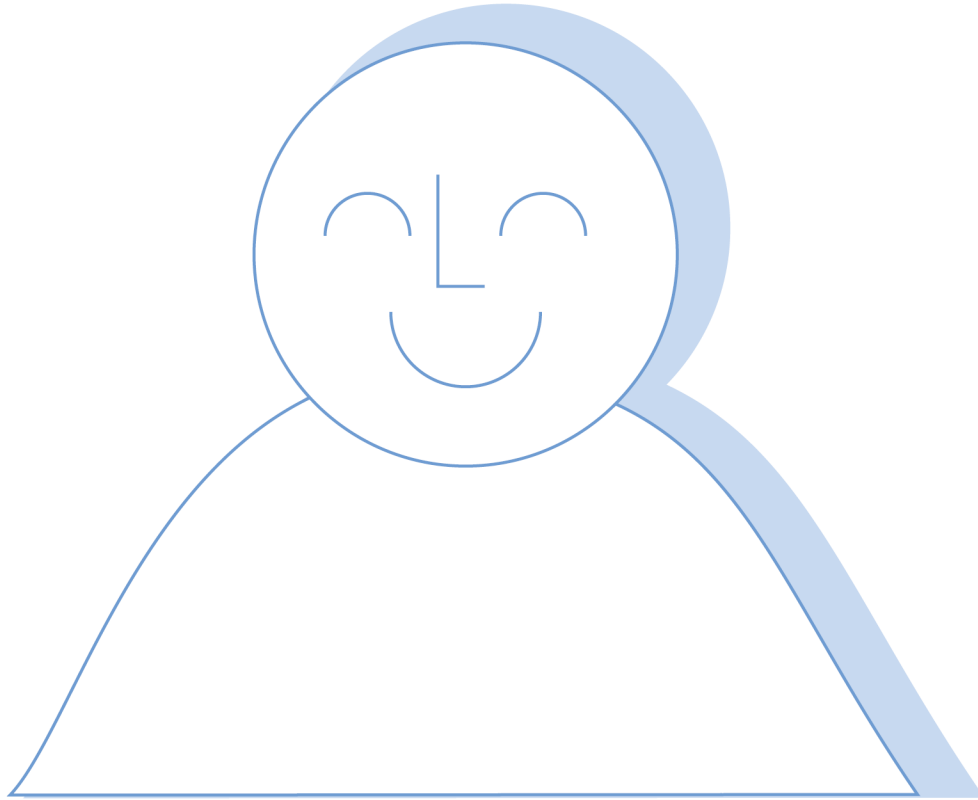
Progress on all eight aims:

with a demonstrated impact on over three-quarters of the 35 actions assigned to the EAC.

New grant programs:

the investment of more than $14 million in grant funding per year into the local arts ecosystem, including increased investment via our Equity & Access program, to a new record of more than $800,000 in 2023.

Reorganization of the EAC:

development of new positions in Research & Impact, Indigenous Relations and Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA), and expansion of the operational team, all while maintaining annual management and administration costs under 10% over the last five years.

Rapid response to COVID-19:

new programs and opportunities for artists and community-based arts programming through EAC events and the Arts Presentation Fund for Covid Recovery.
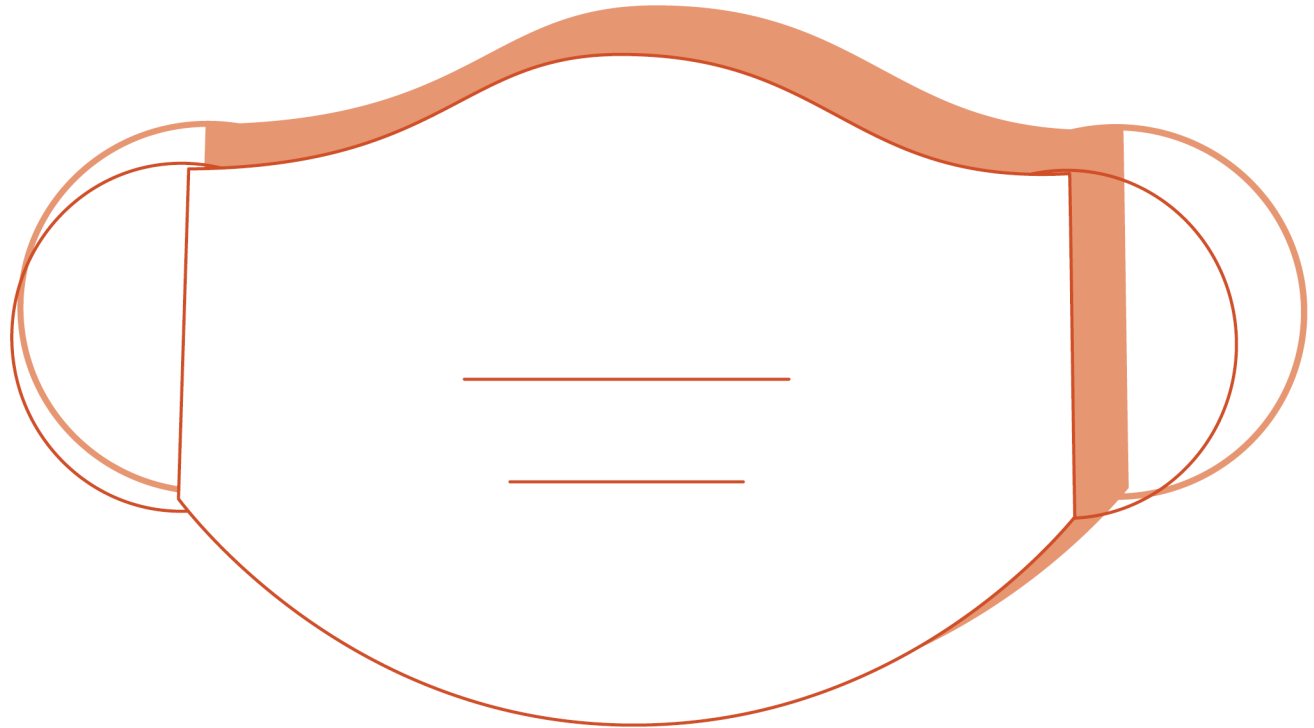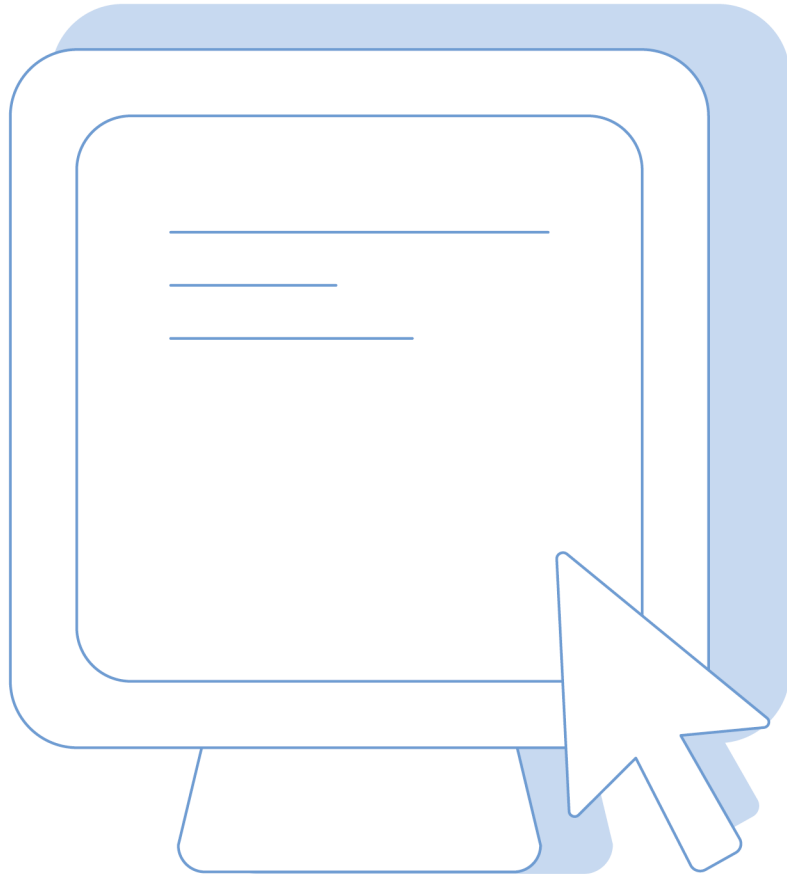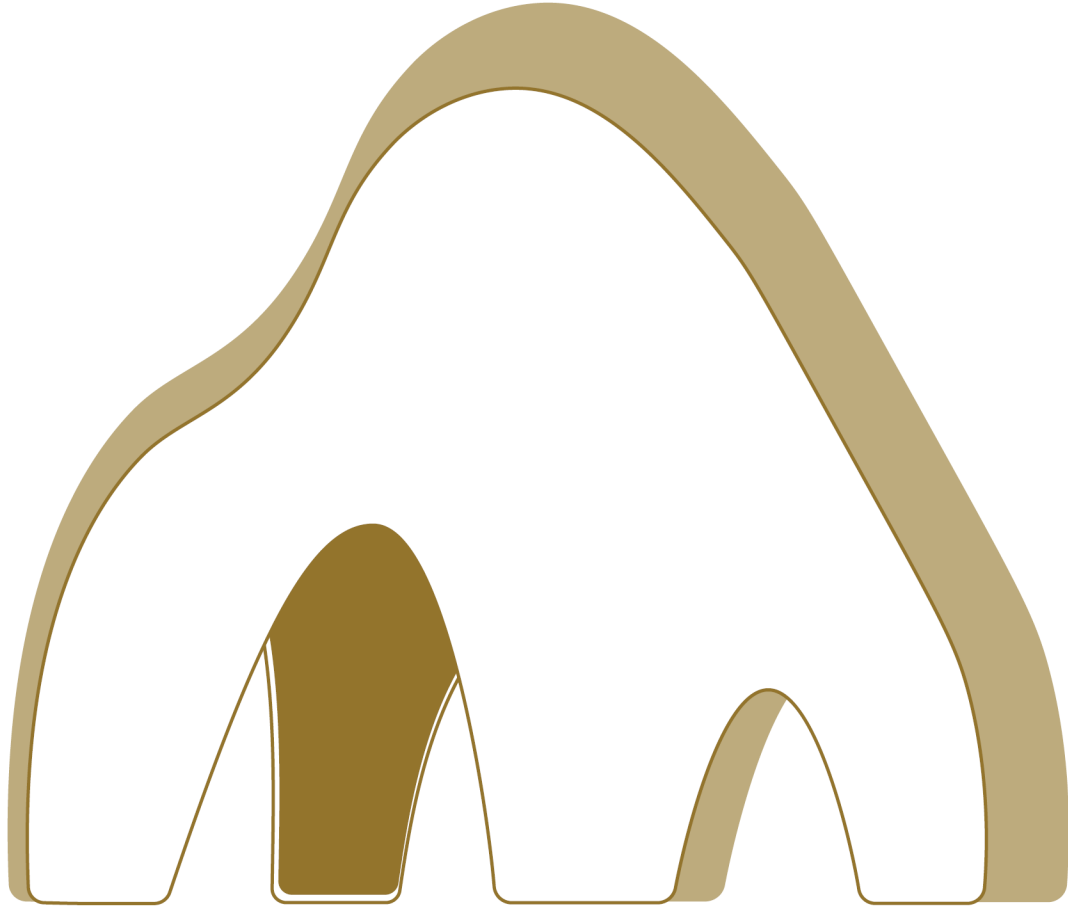
New technology systems:

SmartSimple to streamline granting, and a new website, allowing for improved access to EAC services, and increased engagement with local arts events and the public art collection.

Survey project:
allowing for data-informed
responses to the needs of
the arts community and
the public over time.

Public Art Policy:

revised to emphasize the principles of public visibility and accessibility, diversity and inclusion, public art appreciation, and city-wide impact.

Shop & Services:
rebranded and expanded
services including events
and collaborations with
the community, and online
ticketing integrated into
edmontonarts.ca.

Cultural Planning Award:

In 2022, the EAC was recognized with the Cultural Planning Award from the Creative City Network of Canada. This award recognizes a Canadian municipality that has developed, adopted, and implemented an excellent culture plan.

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