

Maryland Art Place Inc

Executive Director / CEO

EIN 521210213

MD · NTEE A400

FY ending 2023-12-31

June 9, 2026

This analysis benchmarks the total compensation of **Amy Royce, Executive Director / CEO** (\$96,373) against **every comparable organization** that fit the selection criteria — **69** in total — drawn systematically from IRS Form 990 filings, not a hand-picked subset.

Compensation sits at approximately the **94th** percentile of comparable organizations above the 90th percentile — board review recommended

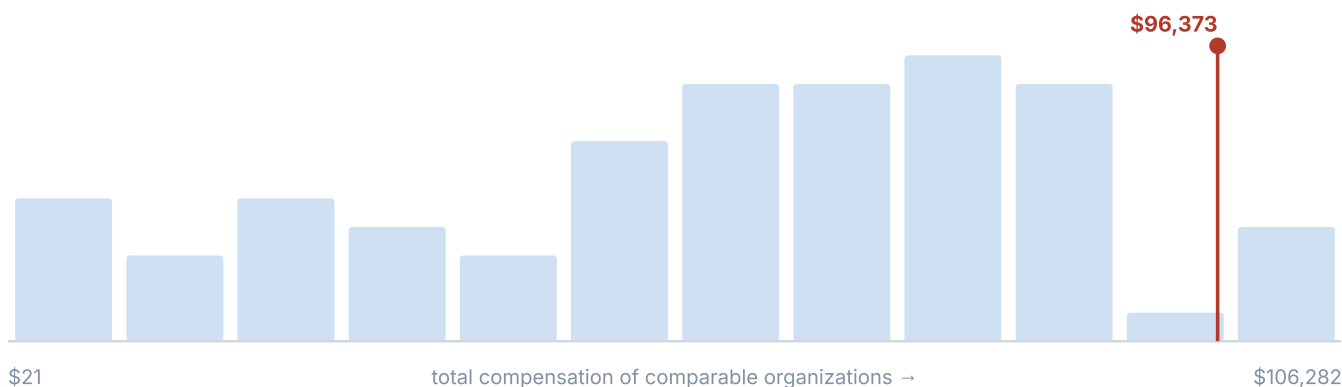
Benchmarked executive: Amy Royce — reported title “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR”, a **direct title match** to the Executive Director / CEO role.

How comparable organizations were selected

SECTOR	Organizations sharing the subject's NTEE classification (A400).
BUDGET	Total revenue between \$227,074 and \$508,375 — 0.67x to 1.50x the subject's \$338,917 (the band tightens as size grows).
GEOGRAPHY	Same NTEE sector (A40), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5x revenue.

69 organizations qualified on sector, size, and geography → **69** within the band form the benchmarked peer set.

Distribution of comparable compensation



\$15,201	\$37,552	\$61,005	\$77,735	\$85,856	\$96,373
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● Comparable organizations

Each figure is Form 990 Part VII columns D + F (reportable pay plus other compensation and benefits; column F may include amounts from related organizations), normalized to MD cost of living (BEA RPP, 2023) and to its filing year (CPI-U); the reported amount is on each linked 990.

ORGANIZATION	STATE	REVENUE	MATCHED TITLE	COMP (REPORTED)	COMP (ADJUSTED)	FY
Plymouth Art Foundation Inc	WI	\$338,171	Exec Dir	\$71,564	\$77,649	2024
Pennsylvania Guild Of Craftsmen	PA	\$333,636	Exec Dir Out	\$22,212	\$23,013	2024
Lenawee Council For The Visual Arts	MI	\$346,125	Executive Director	\$68,750	\$71,824	2025
Watercolor Art Society- houston	TX	\$330,071	Annual Members Exhibit Director	\$11,302	\$11,443	2025
Katy Artreach	TX	\$348,050	Executive Di	\$46,350	\$49,593	2023
Public Art Saint Paul	MN	\$349,666	Executive Di	\$73,245	\$75,193	2024
Wilkes Art Gallery Inc	NC	\$351,723	Executive Director	\$67,373	\$72,325	2024
The Video Game History Foundation Inc	CA	\$324,387	President / Executive Director	\$67,416	\$60,481	2024
Washington Architectural Foundation	DC	\$324,151	Executive Director	\$2,275	\$2,074	2024
Bountiful Davis Art Foundation	UT	\$354,072	Executive Director	\$81,000	\$86,130	2024
Precita Eyes Muralists Association Inc	CA	\$355,365	Executive Dir.	\$45,371	\$41,906	2023
Center For The Visual Arts	WI	\$322,171	Executive Di	\$50,402	\$54,688	2024
Winter Garden Art Association	FL	\$321,429	Exec Director	\$59,654	\$59,942	2023
Oye Group Inc	NY	\$357,335	Co-chairman	\$3,200	\$3,004	2024
Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center	MI	\$320,045	Acting Executive Director	\$56,140	\$61,980	2023

ORGANIZATION	STATE	REVENUE	MATCHED TITLE	COMP (REPORTED)	COMP (ADJUSTED)	FY
Craftstudies Inc	VT	\$359,913	Executive Director	\$81,200	\$82,723	2025
Center For Contemporary Arts	TX	\$315,227	Executive Director	\$71,066	\$73,856	2024
The Carving Studio & Sculpture Ctr	VT	\$363,244	Executive Di	\$76,292	\$82,136	2023
Teton Arts Council Inc	ID	\$365,515	Executive Director	\$61,471	\$67,938	2024
Octagon Center For The Arts	IA	\$310,524	Executive Director	\$47,000	\$52,088	2025
Studio 23	MI	\$368,779	Executive Director	\$58,000	\$64,034	2023
 Mooresville Artist Guild	NC	\$302,180	Executive Dir.	\$21,839	\$23,444	2024
Stay Arts	CA	\$300,980	Executive Director	\$35,229	\$32,538	2023
Athens Photographic Project	OH	\$377,453	Exec Director	\$86,050	\$97,486	2023
Cuyahoga Valley Art Center	OH	\$299,875	Executive Di	\$77,895	\$85,715	2024

Comp (reported) is the figure on each organization's Form 990 (columns D + F); **Comp (adjusted)** normalizes it to MD cost of living and 2023 dollars. Click any organization to verify the figure on ProPublica.

■ Methodology

Comparable organizations were drawn from electronically filed IRS Form 990 returns and matched on sector (NTEE code), budget (a size-adaptive revenue band that tightens as the organization grows), and geography (same-state first, broadening only when too few peers qualify); every organization within the band forms the peer set. To compare fairly across regions and years, peer compensation is normalized to MD cost of living (BEA Regional Price Parities, 2023) and to the subject's filing year (CPI-U). The figure benchmarked is Form 990 Part VII, Section A, columns D + F — reportable pay plus other compensation, benefits, and deferred amounts (column F may include amounts from related organizations) — with the chief executive matched by role. Related-organization amounts (column E) and institutional trustees are excluded. Full methodology: peerbasis.org/methodology.

■ Sample, role match & sensitivity

PEER COUNT	69 organizations. Compensation range \$21–\$106,282; filing years 2023–2025.
SIZE BASIS	Matched on total revenue (\$338,917); for reference, expenses \$372,549 and assets \$715,174.
ROLE MATCH	Amy Royce, reported title " <i>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</i> ", benchmarked as Executive Director / CEO. The title maps directly to this role.

RELATED-ORG PAY 3 peers report related-organization compensation (column E), which the D + F benchmark does not fully capture; review where material.

Sensitivity — the subject's percentile under alternative compensation definitions:

BASIS	SUBJECT PERCENTILE
Total compensation (D + F), cost-of-living + inflation adjusted — the PeerBasis default	94 th
Total compensation (D + F), as reported (no adjustments)	99 th
Reportable pay only (column D), adjusted	88 th
All sources (D + E + F), adjusted	91 st

If the percentile moves materially across these definitions, the result is sensitive to methodology choices, and the board should weigh which basis best fits its facts.

● **Rebuttable presumption of reasonableness · 26 CFR 53.4958-6**

Compensation paid by a tax-exempt organization is presumed reasonable — shifting the burden to the IRS — when three requirements are met. This report supplies the comparability data for the second. The board should record the following in its minutes *concurrently* with its decision:

Draft board minutes – executive compensation

1. The compensation of the Executive Director / CEO (Amy Royce) was approved in advance by [the Board / Compensation Committee], composed of members with no conflict of interest with respect to the arrangement.
2. Prior to its determination, the authorized body obtained and relied upon appropriate comparability data, namely the PeerBasis Compensation Comparability Determination dated June 9, 2026, comparing compensation against 69 similarly situated organizations (Same NTEE sector (A40), nationwide + budget 0.67–1.5× revenue).
3. The authorized body determined that total compensation of \$96,373 is reasonable (approximately the 94th percentile of comparable organizations) and documented the basis for this determination concurrently, on [date], by a vote of [__ for / __ against].

Sources: IRS Form 990 e-file data (apps.irs.gov); IRS Business Master File (NTEE classification). Every figure traces to an original public filing — click any organization above to verify it on ProPublica. PeerBasis is a service of Prismind Analytics; its [methodology is published](#), was commissioned for independent adversarial review, and discloses its own limitations. This report is comparability data to support a board's good-faith determination under IRC 4958; it is not legal or tax advice. Generated by PeerBasis on June 9, 2026.