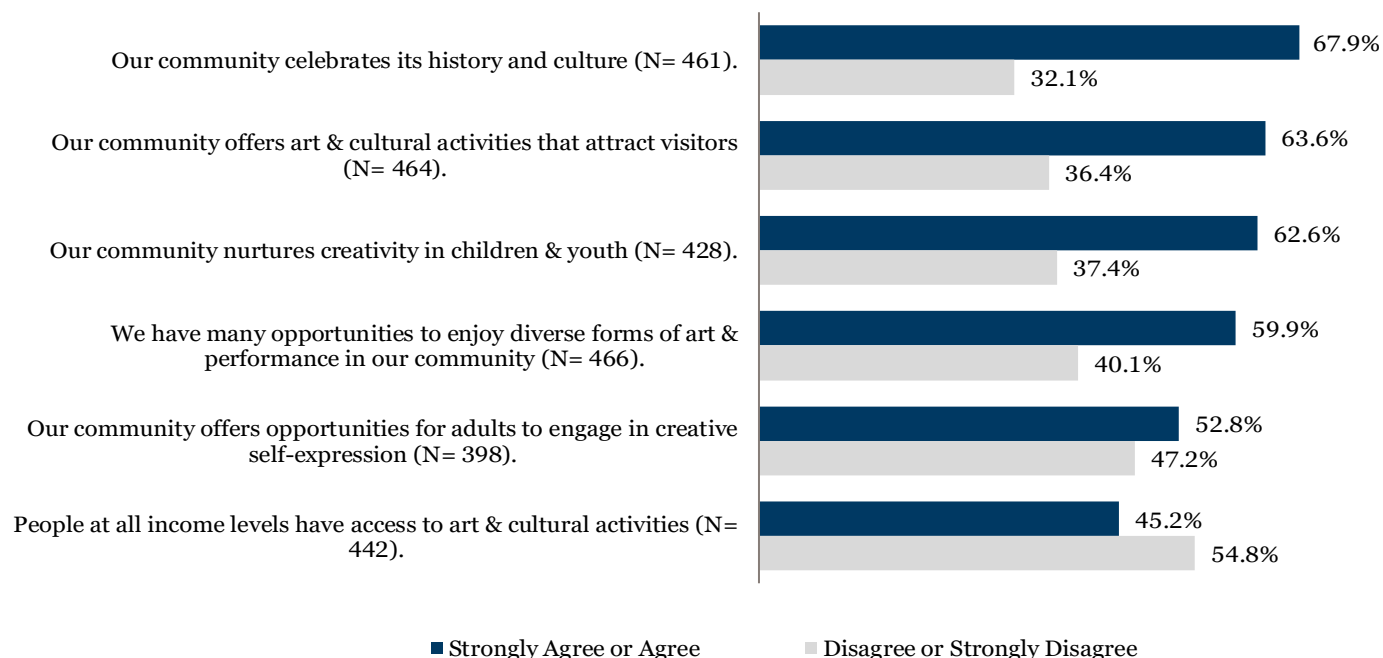


With funding from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, the IU Southeast Applied Research and Education Center held community listening sessions and surveyed Clark and Floyd county residents, nonprofit, business, and local government leaders, and the Foundation's fund holders to identify priorities, assets, aspirations, and opportunities for growth and improvement to support thriving communities. Findings will be used to guide the Foundation's grant making to support the community's *Priorities for Progress*.

Arts, Culture, & Creative Expression are essential components that enrich community life and contribute to growth, community and economic development.

Perceptions of art and cultural opportunities in Clark and Floyd counties



A majority of respondents agree that the community celebrates its history and culture, offers art and cultural activities that attract visitors, nurtures creativity in local children and youth, and has many opportunities to enjoy diverse forms of art and performance. Despite this, a smaller share of respondents agree that the community offers opportunities for adults to engage in creative expression.

The majority of respondents disagree that people of all income levels have access to these activities; income continues to be a barrier for lower-income individuals and families.

Community Perceptions of Priorities for Progress

Priorities for Arts, Culture, & Creative Expression

1– Continue to invest in and expand public social infrastructure that promotes social engagement– both indoors and outdoors.

2– Build on existing efforts to make art, cultural, and creative activities accessible across all income levels.