The Federal Art Project in Provincetown, Massachusetts: The impact of a relief program on an established art colony.

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Abstract
The Federal Art Project of the Works Progress Administration had a lasting impact on the American art scene. The experiences of artists associated with the Provincetown, Massachusetts art colony make evident the impact of the federal relief programs. The importance of the Provincetown art colony to the American art scene survived through...
the 1930s because of federal support. The focus on Provincetown artists allows for comparisons to be made with the national value of the Federal Art Project did not lie mainly in the finish of the process of creating the art, in the innovations and experimentations and the sustained presence of art and professional artists during the Depression. The important group of modern artists from the 1940s-1960s owes much of its success to the Federal Art Project.

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