

In the past 5 years... The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$3,972,800** in grants in **Connecticut**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Connecticut added **3.5%**, or **\$9.2 billion** to the state's economy.
- Connecticut's arts and cultural industries employ **57,409** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$4.7 billion**.
- **42.0%** of Connecticut's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **25.7%** attended art exhibits.

National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY16-FY18

The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **188 participating museums** in Connecticut.

The **Poetry Out Loud** is a national competition which develops communication skills, presence, and confidence through the study, memorization, and public recitation of poetry. In Connecticut, over **19,760 students** participated from among **136** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **156** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **17,070** adults and students in Connecticut.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Connecticut to offer **7,500** children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

The **Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.



2019 Agency Calendar of Events

Blue Star Museums: Armed Forces Day (5/18) - Labor Day (9/2)

June Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 6/19-6/21

National Book Festival: 8/31

National Heritage Fellows Awards & Concert: 9/18-9/20

October Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 10/24-10/25





NOTEWORTHY

Examples of Schools & Organizations Receiving Past Endowment Support Include:

CT-1

The Mark Twain House and Museum
Hebrew Health Care
New England Carousel Museum
Harriet Beecher Stowe Museum
Lutz Children's Museum

CT-2

The Prudence Crandall Museum
Custom House Maritime Museum
Nathan Hale Homestead
William Benton Museum of Art
Norwich Arts Council

CT-3

Long Wharf Theatre
Milford Fine Arts Council
Valley Arts Council
Branford Folk Music Society
Shoreline ARTs Alliance

CT-4

Ridgefield Arts Council
Norwalk Historical Society
Keeler Tavern Museum
Hartley Film Foundation
Westport Country Playhouse

CT-5

Waterbury Symphony Orchestra
Simsbury Historical Society
Housatonic Youth Service Bureau
New Britain Museum of American Art
The Institute for American Indian Studies

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