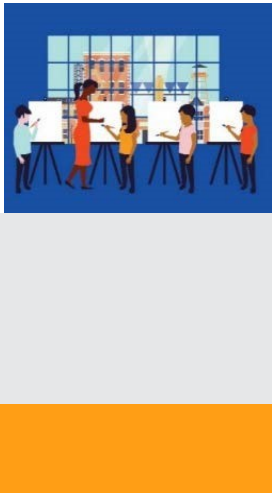




The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

**In the past 5 years...** The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$4,201,200** in grants in **South Dakota**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in South Dakota added **2.5%, or \$1.2 billion** to the state's economy.
- South Dakota's arts and cultural industries employ **14,005** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$0.7 billion**.
- **37.4%** of South Dakota's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **22.6%** 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 **36 participating museums** in South Dakota.

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 South Dakota, over **2,160 students** participated from among **40** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **103** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **7,720** adults and students in South Dakota.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools to offer 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:**

*1881 Courthouse Museum*

*American Horse School*

*Bells of the Hills*

*Black Hills Chamber Music*

*Society*

*Children's Care Hospital and*

*School*

*Culture Kaleidoscope*

*Dance Network of South Dakota*

*Fort Meade Museum*

*Greater Sioux Falls Homeschool*

*Association*

*Hoven Elementary School*

*Museum Alliance of Rapid City*

*Red Cloud Indian School*

*Aberdeen Family YMCA*

*Adams Museum and House*

*Big Stone City School*

*Boys and Girls Club of Lead*

*Comfort Theatre Company*

*Dakota Christian School*

*Doland School District*

*Freeman Area Community Theatre*

*Hill City Arts Council*

*Little Wound*

*Northern Prairie Arts*

*Siouxland Libraries*

*Christ the King School*

*Short Grass Arts Council*

*South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers*

*Mitchell Christian Education Association*

*South Dakota Film Festival*

*Dakota District Pipes and Drums*

*Faulkton Area Arts Council*

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