

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 **\$109,703,744** in grants in the **District of Columbia**.



PC Ryan P. DeWolfe works with Danielle Vetro Kalseth, Music Therapist, HJF, in support of Creative Forces at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) in Anchorage, Alaska. Army photo/John Pennell

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in District of Columbia added **8.5% or \$15 billion** to the state's economy.
- The District of Columbia's arts and cultural industries employed **50,307** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling **\$10 billion**.
- **52.6%** of the District of Columbia's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **41.1%** attended art exhibits.

National Endowment for the Arts Programs



The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **32 participating museums** in the District of Columbia.



More than **3,307 students** from **34 high schools** in the District of Columbia participated in **Poetry Out Loud**.



The **NEA Big Read** program generated community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **199** adults and students in the District of Columbia.



The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program in the District of Columbia enabled schools to offer **2,438** children the opportunity to see live professional performances of Shakespeare, or to engage in educational programs.



Creative Forces brings creative arts therapies to military personnel and veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress, mild traumatic brain injury, and related psychological illnesses. The program also offers community arts programming to improve the well-being and resilience of all military-connected people.

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Various Locations of Arts Endowment-Supported Projects

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AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS (AFTA)
BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL
BANNEKER HIGH SCHOOL
CAPITAL CITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
CESAR CHAVEZ PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS E.C
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
DUMBARTON HOUSE
DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL
E.L HAYNES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL
FOLGER THEATRE
GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY
GEORGETOWN DAY SCHOOL
HILLWOOD ESTATE, MUSEUM & GARDENS
JAH KENTE INTERNATIONAL, INC
KIPP D.C PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NATIONAL ARCHIVES
NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM
NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS
NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY
PHILLIPS COLLECTION
PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON HOUSE
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
SHAW (WATHA T. DANIEL) NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY
SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM
ST. ANSELM'S ABBY SCHOOL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MUSEUM
UNITED STATES BOTANIC GARDEN
WASHINGTON LATIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL
WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Your State Arts Agency:

**DC Commission on the Arts and
Humanities**

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