

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 **\$14,490,264** in grants in **Kentucky**.



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 Kentucky added **2.5% or \$6.9 billion** to the state's economy.
- Kentucky's arts and cultural industries employed **51,094** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling **\$3.3 billion**.
- **28.9%** of Kentucky's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **13.4%** 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 **27 participating museums** in Kentucky.



More than **3,023 students** from **46 high schools** in Kentucky participated in **Poetry Out Loud**.



The **NEA Big Read** program generated community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **17,903** adults and students in Kentucky.



The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program in Kentucky enabled schools to offer **11,113** 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

**KY-01**

BROADSTONE BOOKS  
FRANKFORT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
GLEMA MAHR CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
HOPKINSVILLE CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY  
KENTUCKY MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM  
LIBERTY HALL HISTORIC SITE  
LOWER TOWN ARTS DISTRICT  
VISIT HOPKINSVILLE

**KY-02**

BOWLING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL  
COUNTRY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY  
KENTUCKY FOLKLIFE PROGRAM  
KENTUCKY MUSEUM  
LAKE MALONE STATE PARK  
LAURA'S YARD  
MUHLENBERG MUSIC MUSEUM  
SOUTH UNION SHAKER VILLAGE  
THE WKU STORE

**KY-03**

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH  
KENTUCKY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER  
KENTUCKY SHAKESPEARE  
LOUISVILLE FORWARD CITY GOV OFFICE  
OPERA CENTER  
SPEED ART MUSEUM  
THE ROSEWATER  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

**KY-04**

DEVOU PARK  
HALF NELSON ENTERPRISES, LLC  
MAYSVILLE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
SIMON KENTON HIGH SCHOOL  
THE CARNEGIE  
UPSPRING - CAYWOOD ELEMENTARY

**KY-05**

BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL  
COWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CROSSROADS ELEMENTARY  
HEMPHILL COMMUNITY CENTER  
HINDMAN SETTLEMENT SCHOOL  
LEE COUNTY ELEMENTARY  
MCBRAYER ELEMENTARY  
PHELPS JR AND SR HIGH SCHOOL  
RED BIRD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**KY-06**

ARTSPPLACE  
BLUE GRASS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
CENTRAL MUSIC ACADEMY EAGLE VIEW LOCATION  
CENTRAL MUSIC ACADEMY WILLIAMS CENTER LOCATION  
GEORGE ROGERS CLARK HIGH SCHOOL  
JULIUS MARKS ELEMENTARY  
LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL  
LANDSDOWNE ELEMENTARY  
LEESTOWN MIDDLE  
LIVING ARTS & SCIENCE CENTER

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**Your State Arts Agency:**

**Kentucky Arts Council**

<http://artscouncil.ky.gov>