

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 **\$11,867,126** in grants in **West Virginia**.



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 West Virginia added **1.5% or \$1.6 billion** to the state's economy.
- West Virginia's arts and cultural industries employed **18,145** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling **\$1 billion**.
- **29.9%** of West Virginia's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **14.8%** 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 **16 participating museums** in West Virginia.



More than **13,437 students** from **162 high schools** in West Virginia participated in **Poetry Out Loud**.



The **NEA Big Read** program generated community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **1,400** adults and students in West Virginia.



The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program in West Virginia enabled schools to offer **9,480** 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

### WV-01

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
CHUCK MATHENA CENTER  
CLAY CENTER FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES  
CONCORD UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE  
DICK COPELAND TOWN SQUARE  
EAST BECKLEY COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CENTER  
GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
GREENBRIER WEST HIGH SCHOOL  
HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
HUNTINGTON MUSEUM OF ART  
INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL  
LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL  
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY  
MEADOW BRIDGE  
NITRO HIGH SCHOOL  
PIKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL  
PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA HOUSE  
RICHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
RIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL  
SHADY SPRING HIGH SCHOOL  
SISSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
SOUTH CHARLESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ST. JOSEPH CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE CULTURE CENTER  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM  
WYOMING EAST HIGH SCHOOL

GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL  
HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL  
JB CHAMBERS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
JOHN MARSHALL CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS  
LINCOLN THEATER  
MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL  
MOOREFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
MORGANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL  
MOUNTAIN STATE LIBRARY  
MULL CENTER  
MUSEUM OF AMERICAN GLASS IN WEST VIRGINIA  
OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL  
PADEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
PARKERSBURG FLOODWALL  
PARKERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL  
PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL  
ROBINSON GRAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
SHADY SPRING HIGH SCHOOL  
SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY  
SPARK IMAGINATION & SCIENCE CENTER  
ST. MARYS HIGH SCHOOL

### WV-02

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK  
BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR HIGH SCHOOL  
DARDEN MILL  
DAVIS AND ELKINS COLLEGE  
DISCOVERY WORLD ON MARKET  
EAST HARDY HIGH SCHOOL  
ELKINS CITY PARK  
ELKINS HIGH SCHOOL

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