National Endowment for the Arts
Cooperative Agreements—Fiscal Year 2020

The National Endowment for the Arts works with other federal agencies, state and local governments, state and regional arts agencies, and private nonprofits on strategic leadership projects that fulfill the agency’s mission but require additional expertise and/or management capacity. These initiatives focus on specific objectives, such as:

- access to creative arts therapies (example: Creative Forces);
- opportunities for the arts to be integrated into the fabric of community life (example: Mayors’ Institute on City Design);
- opportunities for the American people to engage with the arts (example: Poetry Out Loud);
- opportunities for the American people to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts at all stages of life (example: Arts Education Partnership);
- expanding and promoting evidence of the value and impact of the arts for the benefit of the American people (example: Research Labs).

These multi-year awards are carried out through cooperative agreements. A cooperative agreement is different from a grant in that the Arts Endowment is substantially involved with the awardee in the direction and accomplishment of the project. Following are the cooperative agreements awarded in FY 2020.

**American Theatre Wing**
New York, NY
Congressional District- NY-10
$160,000
To support the Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students, including regional judging, finalists' workshops and mentoring, and recording and broadcast of the finalists’ songs.

**Americans for the Arts, Inc. (AFTA)**
Washington, DC
Congressional District- Washington, DC-01
$2,325,000
To support capacity-building activities that advance Creative Forces’ strategic expansion goals as well as the ongoing development of tools including the National Resource Center and other resources designed to meet the needs of Creative Forces’ stakeholders working in the clinical and community engagement spheres.
Arizona State University (AZ Board of Regents for Arizona State University)
Tempe, AZ
Congressional District-AZ-09
$150,000
To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on the Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being.

Arts Midwest
Minneapolis, MN
Congressional District- MN-05
$3,014,000
To support the planning and implementation of the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program nationwide.

Conference of Mayors Research and Education Foundation (U.S. Conference of Mayors)
Washington, DC
Congressional District- Washington, DC-01
$450,000
To support the Mayors’ Institute on City Design program.

Education Commission of the States
Denver, CO
Congressional District-CO-01
$1,050,000
To support a national network and technical assistance services; meetings and convenings; and research, documentation, and publication activities of the Arts Education Partnership (AEP).

Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc.
Bethesda, MD
Congressional District-MD-08
$4,400,000
To support placement and sustainment of creative arts therapies in patient-centered care at military and veterans clinical sites, as well as through a telehealth delivery program for patients in remote areas.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
New York, NY
Congressional District-NY-12
$500,000
To support the Creative Placemaking Technical Assistance (CPTA) program, serving prospective applicants to, and grantees of, the Our Town program, as well as other communities interested in undertaking creative placemaking activities.
Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Inc.
Baltimore, MD
Congressional District- MD- 07
$435,000
To support USArtists International (USAI), a program showcasing the excellence, diversity, and vitality of U.S. artists and arts organizations at international arts markets and other significant cultural events around the world.

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Inc.
Baltimore, MD
Congressional District- MD- 07
$300,000
To support Performing Arts Global Exchange (PAGE), a subgranting program designed to provide broader access to the work of international artists and arts forms less frequently seen outside of major urban centers in the United States.

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Inc.
Baltimore, MD
Congressional District- MD- 07
$454,000
To support the coordination and administration of the 2021 and 2022 national finals of the National Endowment for the Arts’ Poetry Out Loud program.

Mid-America Arts Alliance (MAAA)
Kansas City, MO
Congressional District-MO-05
$225,200
To support the development of the application guidelines and competitive review and grant reporting processes for the Creative Forces Community Arts Engagement National Sub-granting Program.

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)
Washington, DC
Congressional District- Washington, DC- 01
$420,700
To support services and research for and about State Arts Agencies and Regional Arts Organizations.

National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA)
Silver Spring, MD
Congressional District- MD-08
$358,500
To support the production and management of public events for the National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship Program.
Regents of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
Los Angeles, CA
Congressional District-CA-33
$149,672
To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on the Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being.

Regents of the University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, CA
Congressional District-CA-12
$299,999
To support the Sound Health Network, which regularly will convene experts in music, neuroscience, health, and wellness and will identify and promote research findings widely.

San Francisco Jazz Organization (SFJAZZ)
San Francisco, CA
Congressional District-CA-12
$425,000
To support facilitation and coordination of the 2021 NEA Jazz Masters Virtual Tribute Concert and ancillary events.

Sundance Institute
Park City, UT
Congressional District-UT-01
$100,000
To support the Documentary Sustainability Project, a program aimed at strengthening the documentary filmmaking field through knowledge exchange, cross-sector collaboration, and research.

Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania (University of Pennsylvania)
Philadelphia, PA
Congressional District-PA-03
$150,000
To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on the Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being.

University of Florida
Gainesville, FL
Congressional District-FL-03
$150,000
To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on the Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being.

University of Texas at San Antonio
San Antonio, TX
Congressional District-TX-20
$100,000
To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on the Arts, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.