

The National Endowment for the Arts

FUNDING THE ARTS

Every congressional district—large and small, urban and rural—benefits from National Endowment for the Arts grants. Arts Endowment funding supports thousands of organizations, performances, and activities that provide opportunities for Americans to engage with the arts in their communities.

GRANTS

154,000

grants awarded by the NEA since its inception in 1965

1:1 MATCH

with direct grants

\$5.5 B

in support of arts in America

Each dollar awarded by the Arts Endowment in direct grants to nonprofit organizations leverages up to nine dollars in private and other public funds.

\$500 M

each year in direct matching support

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Each year, the National Endowment for the Arts awards more than 2,000 grants to organizations for arts projects totaling around \$55 million.

Excludes awards in the following categories: state and regional partnerships, Federal partnerships, fellowships, and translation.

SIZE OF GRANTS

- 28% - \$10,000 or less
- 50% - \$10,000 - \$30,000
- 22% - \$30,000+

65%

OF GRANTS GO TO SMALL AND MEDIUM ORGANIZATIONS

(up to \$2M in prior year expenditures)

The smallest organizations (those with budgets <250K) account for 16% of all Arts Endowment direct grants.

WHO BENEFITS FROM ARTS ENDOWMENT GRANTS?

UNDERSERVED AUDIENCES

35% of Arts Endowment grants reach low-income audiences or under-served populations, such as people with disabilities, people in institutions, and veterans.

42% of Arts Endowment grants take place in high-poverty neighborhoods.

GENERAL AUDIENCES

WHERE DO THE ARTS ENDOWMENT'S GRANTS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES?

- 11% Non-metropolitan areas
- 89% Metropolitan areas
 - 7% Metros <250 K people
 - 16% Metros 250 K - <1 M people
 - 24% Metros 1 M - <4.6 M people
 - 43% Metros >4.6 M people

The National Endowment for the Arts supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America.

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