

# 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. NEA funding supports thousands of organizations, performances, and activities that provide opportunities for Americans to engage with the arts in their communities.

## NEA GRANTS

# 147,000

grants awarded by the NEA since its inception in 1965

# 1:1 MATCH

with direct grants

# ~\$5 B

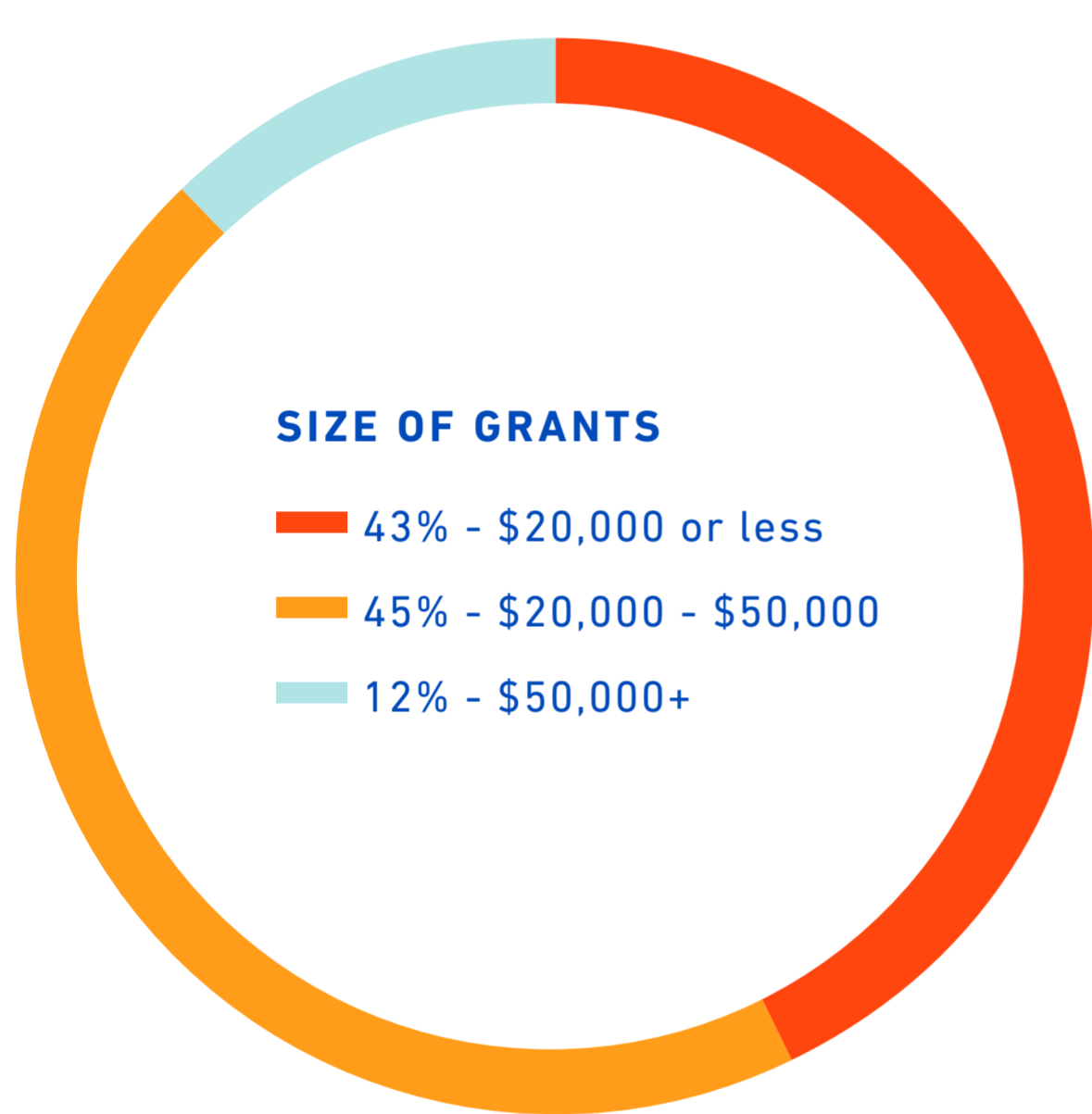
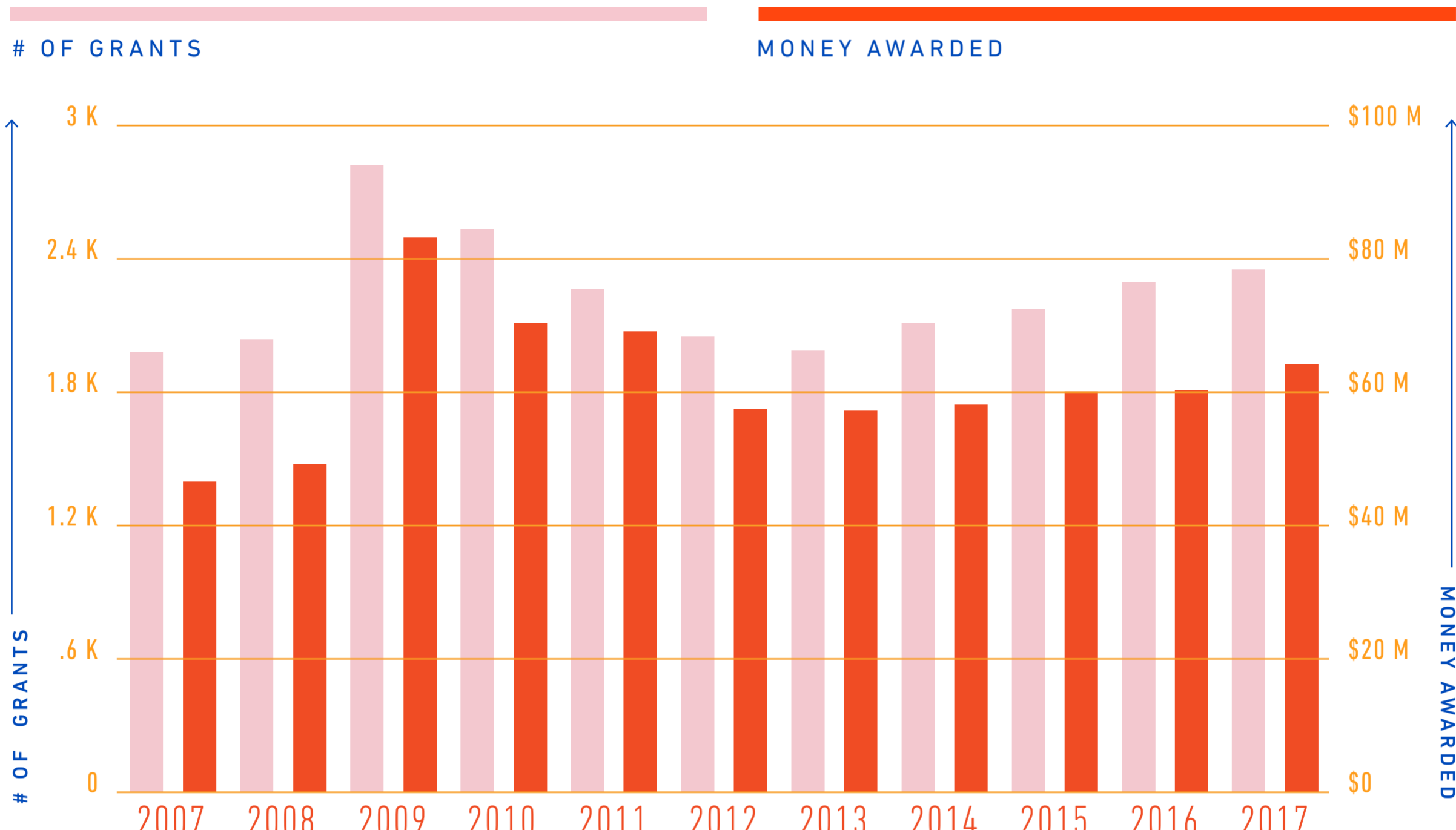
in support of arts in America

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

# \$500 M

in direct matching support in FY 2016

## NEA GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS



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

## WHO BENEFITS FROM NEA GRANTS

### UNDERSERVED AUDIENCES

~36% of NEA grants go to organizations that reach underserved populations such as people with disabilities, people in institutions, and veterans

~33% of NEA grants serve low-income audiences

~40% of NEA-supported activities take place in high-poverty neighborhoods

### GENERAL AUDIENCES

### WHERE DO THE NEA'S GRANTS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES?

- 13% Non-metropolitan areas
- 87% Metropolitan areas
  - 9% Metros <250 K people
  - 17% Metros 250 K - <1 M people
  - 21% Metros 1 M - <4.6 M people
  - 40% 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.

