

THE ARTS IN SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Just as Americans are diverse in their backgrounds, so are their communities. The National Endowment for the Arts ensures that the arts thrive across the nation, especially in small, rural, and underserved communities.

PROJECT-FUNDING DISTRIBUTION IS SIMILAR TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE U.S. POPULATION AND EXCEEDS IN ITS SUPPORT FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

Small, Metropolitan Communities		Rural, Non-metropolitan Areas		High-Poverty Neighborhoods	
8.1%	9%	12%	14%	42%	31%
of NEA-funded projects	of US population	of NEA-funded projects	of US population	of NEA-funded projects	of US neighborhoods

DIRECT SUPPORT FOR SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES FY 2017-2019

Small, Metropolitan Communities		Rural, Non-metropolitan Areas		Total Support	
342	\$8.6	430	\$10.2	772	\$18.7
grants	million	grants	million	grants	million



FEDERAL ARTS INVESTMENT AT THE STATE AND REGIONAL LEVEL MEANS MORE PEOPLE ARE SERVED

40%

of Arts Endowment funding is allocated to state and regional arts organizations

FY 2019

62

\$51

grants

million

IN FY 2017, STATE ARTS AGENCIES USED ARTS ENDOWMENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Small, Metropolitan Communities	757	Rural, Non-metropolitan Areas	1,709	Total Support	2,466
	grants		grants		grants

With 45 million adults and children engaged in Arts Endowment-supported live arts programs or events nationwide, every American has the opportunity to participate.

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