The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is an independent federal agency that is the largest funder of the arts and art education in communities nationwide and a catalyst of public and private support for the arts.

The NEA fosters and sustains an environment in which the arts benefit everyone in the United States.

**The Arts Endowment awards grants for projects to nonprofit organizations nationwide, as well as supports fellowships for American writers and translators of world literature.**

4.2% of the nation's GDP to the U.S. economy.

In 2020, the arts contributed $876.7 billion to the U.S. economy.

In 2020, > 4.6 million people worked in the arts and cultural industries in the U.S.

$446 billion total compensation of arts and culture workers.

YOUR FEDERAL ARTS AGENCY

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**THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE ARTS**

**HOW THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FUNDS THE ARTS**

The Arts Endowment's 2022 budget is 0.003% of the federal budget.

Peer review by citizen experts and laypersons from around the country.

Review by National Council on the Arts, the agency's advisory body.

Final review and award decisions by Arts Endowment's chair.

National Endowment for the Arts confers lifetime honors on jazz masters and folk and traditional artists.

SINCE THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS' INCEPTION IN 1965

~ 41 million people attend a live arts event supported by the Arts Endowment.

National Endowment for the Arts sponsors national programs such as Poetry Out Loud, Blue Star Museums, and the NEA Big Read that provide diverse opportunities for thousands of Americans to experience quality arts programming.

National Endowment for the Arts’ annual cost to each American is 54 cents.

Arts Endowment grant awards require a dollar-to-dollar match, ensuring that NEA funds help to leverage many more public and private investments in the arts.

40% of the Arts Endowment's grantmaking funds support the work of the Nation's state and regional arts organizations.

EXTENDING THE REACH OF THE ARTS

Arts.gov, the Arts Endowment's new digital hub, supports the work of the Nation's state and regional arts agencies.

Arts.gov is a one-stop, easy-to-use resource for state and regional arts agencies to provide to the public.

Together, the NEAs activities support bringing meaningful arts experiences to all Americans, helping to ensure that everyone in the country has the opportunity to live a full and artful life.