

## ALABAMA

**Nationwide, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the arts. Thanks to historic investments, the NEA is helping the arts and cultural sector to recover, rebuild, and reopen. In 2020:**

- Arts and cultural production in Alabama added **2.1%** or **\$4.8 billion** to the state's economy.
- Alabama's arts and cultural industries employed **42,040** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$2.6 billion**.

## GRANTS TO THE STATE

**Over a five-year period (FY 2018-2022), the NEA distributed \$12,804,741 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.**

The Arts Endowment awarded **98** direct grants throughout Alabama over the past 5 years, totaling **\$8,524,421**. These direct grants included:

- Visual arts workshops for incarcerated men and women in multiple facilities around the state
- Classes for older adults featuring instruction in regional Appalachian music with a focus on dulcimer, choral singing, and ukulele
- Music performances and educational outreach activities at Bishop State Community College and Title 1 elementary schools

## NEA NATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE STATE

*In addition to offering direct grants, the NEA supports national initiatives benefiting people across the country. Over the past five years:*

**Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **47** participating museums in Alabama.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for an average of **3,819** students per year attending **64** unique high schools in Alabama to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation— great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **36** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **1,238** adults and students in Alabama.

