

## MINNESOTA

**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 Minnesota added **2.9%** or **\$10.9 billion** to the state's economy.
- Minnesota's arts and cultural industries employed **81,845** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$6.4 billion**.

## GRANTS TO THE STATE

**Over a five-year period (FY 2018-2022), the NEA distributed \$44,809,656 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.**

The Arts Endowment awarded **420** direct grants throughout Minnesota over the past 5 years, totaling **\$42,954,380**. These direct grants included:

- The Global Roots Festival
- Artist residencies for deaf artists and writers
- Instruction in Hmong folk arts

## 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 **108** participating museums in Minnesota.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for an average of **2,011** students per year attending **102** unique high schools in Minnesota to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **74** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **16,263** adults and students in Minnesota.

