

## NEBRASKA

**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 Nebraska added **2.2%** or **\$3 billion** to the state's economy.
- Nebraska's arts and cultural industries employed **26,888** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$1.8 billion**.

## GRANTS TO THE STATE

**Over a five-year period (FY 2018-2022), the NEA distributed \$11,002,374 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.**

The Arts Endowment awarded **68** direct grants throughout Nebraska over the past 5 years, totaling **\$7,050,500**. These direct grants included:

- PlayFest, a virtual and live community performance series
- The Holland Community Opera Fellowship artist residency program
- A community engagement concert in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

## 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 **31** participating museums in Nebraska.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for an average of **1,640** students per year attending **80** unique high schools in Nebraska to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

