

## FLORIDA

**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 2022:**

- Arts and cultural production in Florida added **3.2%** or **\$45.4 billion** to the state's economy.
- Florida's arts and cultural industries employed **268,712** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$22.5 billion**.

## GRANTS TO THE STATE

**Over a five-year period (FY 2019-2023), the NEA distributed \$24,095,860 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.**

The Arts Endowment awarded **408** direct grants throughout Florida over the past 5 years, totaling **\$18,845,718**. These direct grants included:

- The International Hispanic Theatre Festival of Miami
- A program providing a series of visual arts courses and workshops for incarcerated men in multiple facilities in Central Florida
- An exhibition-based program serving teens and young adults on the autism spectrum

## 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 **179** participating museums in Florida.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for an average of **6,080** students per year attending **149** unique high schools in Florida to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation— great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **964** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **48,080** adults and students in Florida.

