

## OREGON

**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 Oregon added **3.2%** or **\$9.5 billion** to the state's economy.
- Oregon's arts and cultural industries employed **61,593** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$5.3 billion**.

## GRANTS TO THE STATE

**Over a five-year period (FY 2019-2023), the NEA distributed \$14,249,682 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.**

The Arts Endowment awarded **197** direct grants throughout Oregon over the past 5 years, totaling **\$11,823,737**. These direct grants included:

- Fiesta Cultural, a celebration focused on Latino art and culture
- Orchestral music performances for youth
- Virtual youth mentorship through music programming

## 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 **88** participating museums in Oregon.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for an average of **2,860** students per year attending **69** unique high schools in Oregon to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation— great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **107** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **5,514** adults and students in Oregon.

