

YOUR FEDERAL ARTS AGENCY

The NEA is the only arts funder in America—public or private—that provides equal access to the arts in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Through its grant-making to thousands of nonprofits each year, the NEA supports opportunities for people in communities across America to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities.

THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE ARTS

Supporting the arts not only enriches the lives of all Americans—it keeps many Americans employed.

4.8 MILLION AMERICANS

work in the arts and cultural industries

\$355.2 BILLION

total compensation of arts and culture workers

The arts contribute

\$729.6 BILLION

to the U.S. economy

4.2%
of the nation's GDP

The NEA's 2017 budget is

\$149.8 MILLION

▶ **0.006%**

of the federal budget

▶ **46 CENTS**

the NEA's annual cost to each American

Each dollar awarded by the NEA in direct grants to nonprofit organizations leverages up to \$9 in private and other public funds

\$500 MILLION

in direct grant-matching support in FY2016

HOW THE NEA FUNDS THE ARTS

NEA awards grants for projects to nonprofit organizations nationwide, as well as supports fellowships for American writers and translators of world literature.

The NEA grant review process is rigorous

1

Peer-review by citizen experts and laypersons from around the country

2

Review by National Council on the Arts, NEA's advisory body

3

Final review and award decisions by NEA chairman

NEA confers lifetime honors on jazz masters and folk and traditional artists.

NEA sponsors national programs such as Poetry Out Loud, Blue Star Museums, and the NEA Big Read that provide diverse opportunities for thousands of Americans to experience quality arts programming.

> \$5 BILLION AWARDED

SINCE THE NEA'S INCEPTION IN 1965

~ 4,500 COMMUNITIES SERVED EACH YEAR THROUGH THESE GRANTS

EXTENDING THE REACH OF THE ARTS

40% OF THE NEA'S FUNDS SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE NATION'S STATE AND REGIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS.

NEA partnerships bring the arts to more tables in new and innovative ways to advance work in areas from education to healthcare to community development

NEA PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of Education

National Park Service

Blue Star Families

Department of Veterans Affairs

Library of Congress

Poetry Foundation

Department of Defense

Department of Justice

Department of Agriculture

THE NEA ANNUALLY SUPPORTS ~ 2,100 GRANTS IN ALL 50 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND U.S. TERRITORIES.

~ 30 MILLION AMERICANS

ATTEND A LIVE ARTS EVENT SUPPORTED BY THE NEA

THESE EVENTS INCLUDE

▶ **> 35,000** concerts, readings, and performances

▶ **> 6,000** exhibitions

Our vision is of a nation in which every American benefits from arts engagement, and every community recognizes and celebrates its aspirations and achievements through the arts.

