

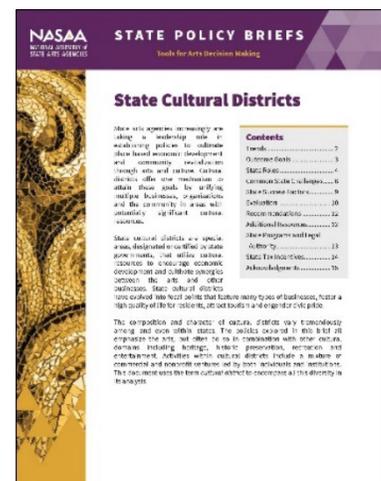
What can NASAA do for you as a state arts agency council member? Find out in Report to Councils! Share this edition at your next council meeting—and follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for noteworthy resources and announcements.

### Speak Up for Federal Arts Funding

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) allocates [40% of its program funding](#) to state and jurisdictional arts agencies. As an ambassador for the arts in your state, it's vital that you reach out to your legislators in the U.S. House and Senate about the value of those funds to your constituents. With deliberations over fiscal year 2025 funding underway for federal agencies, now is the time for you to contact your representatives to share the tangible effects of NEA funds in your state.

### State Cultural Districts

If your agency is considering a cultural/creative districts program, or if you are interested in other states' policies, look no further than NASAA's [State Cultural Districts Policy Brief](#). Updated for 2024, the brief provides an overview of the ways that cultural districts amplify economic and community development. It also offers strategic considerations for district creation and administration. The brief features research on the impact of cultural districts, factors for success, common challenges and evaluation methods. Practical examples of legislation and programs are shown for 19 states.



### Percent for Art Programs



Many states have enacted percent for art policies, which require that a portion of the budget for capital investment in state facilities (typically about one percent) is set aside for artworks. NASAA's [Percent for Art Policy Brief](#) equips state arts agency council members, policymakers and advocates with the information they need to advance or protect public art policies. In addition to information on funding mechanisms, designation of responsibilities, site and artwork selection, ownership, and administration, the brief includes extensive sections on policy rationale and state arts agency roles and challenges. States with percent for art programs are listed along with pertinent legislation.

## Register for NASAA Assembly 2024



Join your colleagues from around the nation for [NASAA Assembly 2024](#), October 23-26 in San Juan, Puerto Rico! All state and jurisdictional arts agency staff and council members are invited to attend. Attend [sessions](#) on state level advocacy, emergency preparedness, cultivating partnerships with state agencies (health, economic development, rural development) and more. Our plenary speaker, NEA Chair Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, will discuss cross-sector partnerships and will be available for questions. At a two-hour session exclusively for state arts agency council members, you can share challenges and successes with your peers. Our host, the [Institute of Puerto Rican Culture](#), is eager to share the vibrant culture and community of San Juan and the whole island. This will be an especially popular Assembly, so [reserve your lodging](#) and [register today!](#)

## 56 Years, 56 Strong!

NASAA exists because of our 56 amazing state and jurisdictional arts agencies—who all contribute to the strength and success of our professional community. Join us in [celebrating](#) the inspiring work of your agency and everything we have accomplished together over the past 56 years!



## NASAA Board Service + Feedback

NASAA's Nominating Committee reaches out every year to all state arts agency chairs and executive directors to invite feedback on NASAA's services and ask for recommendations for director positions on the NASAA board. Current state arts agency chairs and council members are eligible to serve. Learn more about the [attributes and leadership skills](#) NASAA is looking for in 2025. Our Nominating Committee will be reaching out in the coming weeks, so please let your chair or director know if you would like to be considered.



## Help Us Make a Difference

For 56 years, NASAA has taken great pride in helping every state and jurisdiction flourish. We are dedicated entirely to you—helping you leverage your state's unique strengths and navigate challenges. NASAA's spring campaign, happening now, is a great opportunity to get involved and make a positive difference for our work and field. Individual contributions help us expand our impact so we can better meet your state's needs. [Please give today.](#) Thank you!



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