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## State Arts Funding Decreases in Fiscal Year 2011

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Legislative appropriations to state arts agencies decreased by 7.2% in fiscal year 2011, according to the *Legislative Appropriations Annual Survey* report, published by the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA). Between FY2010 and FY2011, state arts agencies lost \$21.2 million in state funds, leaving total legislative appropriations to state arts agencies at \$272.0 million, or \$0.87 per capita.

Fiscal year 2011 marks the third year in a row of declines to legislative appropriations. Since the start of this recession in 2008, appropriations to state arts agencies have been cut by 19%. These cuts follow severe reductions earlier in the decade, when state arts agencies sustained losses of 38% between 2001 and 2004. State arts agency appropriations constitute only a small fraction of states' aggregate expenditures: 0.039% of general fund expenditures were devoted to total state arts agency appropriations in FY2011.

"When a state arts agency's funding is reduced, communities throughout the state feel sharp consequences," says Jonathan Katz, NASAA CEO. "State arts agency appropriations employ workers in many different creative industries, improve education outcomes, boost local economic activity and generate tax revenues. Cuts to arts appropriations have far-reaching negative effects on a state's workers, families, businesses and schools, as well as its bottom line."

Katz adds, "State arts agencies not only play meaningful roles in state recovery now, they are essential partners for future prosperity. Any state seeking solutions to long-term work-force development challenges or looking to succeed in tomorrow's innovation economy will find its state arts agency to be a competitive asset."

### State Arts Agency Facts

- States currently invest \$272.0 million—about \$0.87 per capita—in state arts agencies.
- State arts agency appropriations comprise 0.039% (less than one tenth of one percent) of total state general fund expenditures in FY2011.
- Each year, state arts agencies fund 18,000 organizations, schools and artists in more than 5,100 communities across the United States.

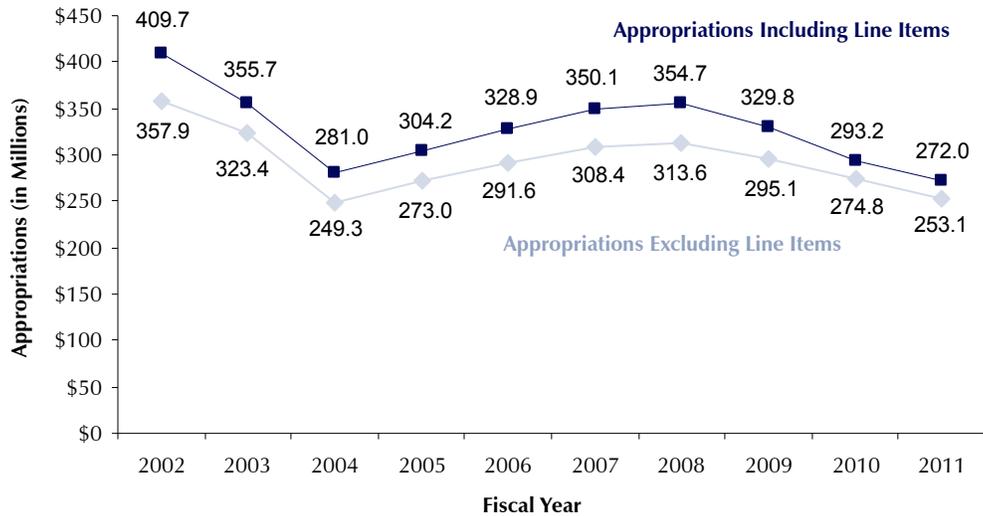
While the national economy overall is slowly showing signs of recovery, state governments are continuing to struggle with the impact of the recession. States already have closed budget gaps of \$83.9 billion for FY2011, and are anticipating more than \$92 billion in further gaps through FY2012. The expiration this year of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds is another reason for concern for many states. Structural budget gaps, where revenue structures cannot cover rising program costs, are an issue facing a majority of states.

The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) is the membership organization that unites, represents and serves the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies. NASAA serves as a clearinghouse for data and research about public funding and the arts. NASAA and state arts agencies work to broaden access to the arts in every corner of America and to serve the public good by making the arts an essential ingredient of state policy.

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**State Arts Agency Legislative Appropriations**  
Fiscal Years 2002-2011



**SAA Total Legislative Appropriations Changes**  
Fiscal Years 2010-2011

<b>Increases</b>	
Number of SAAs	9
Number of SAAs up 10%+	6
Median percent increase	21.2%
<b>Flat Funding*</b>	
Number of SAAs	16
<b>Decreases</b>	
Number of SAAs	31
Number of SAAs down 10%+	15
Median percent decrease	-9.1%
<b>All States</b>	
Aggregate percent change	-7.2%
Median percent change	-3.3%

\*Flat funding includes changes of less than 0.5% in magnitude. Three jurisdictions that did not submit budget information were assumed to have flat funding.

Source: National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, *Legislative Appropriations Annual Survey*, February 2011 (Revised March 2011)

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**Table 1: State Arts Agency Total Legislative Appropriations**

Fiscal Years 2010-2011

State or Special Jurisdiction	Legislative Appropriation Including Line Items		Percent Change FY10 to FY11
	FY2010	FY2011	
Alabama	\$ 4,625,625	\$ 4,625,624	0.0%
Alaska	684,400	692,800	1.2%
American Samoa +	50,000	50,000	0.0%
<sup>1</sup> Arizona	822,500	665,600	-19.1%
<sup>2</sup> Arkansas	1,657,471	2,097,661	26.6%
<sup>3</sup> California	4,123,000	4,312,000	4.6%
Colorado	1,200,026	1,121,726	-6.5%
Connecticut	6,261,985	6,111,899	-2.4%
Delaware	1,740,000	1,683,300	-3.3%
District of Columbia	5,849,000	5,126,000	-12.4%
<sup>4</sup> Florida ♦	5,217,650	6,356,661	21.8%
Georgia	2,319,614	790,735	-65.9%
Guam	288,700	288,700	0.0%
Hawaii	6,160,022	5,079,760	-17.5%
Idaho	787,600	715,600	-9.1%
Illinois	7,576,900	9,471,900	25.0%
<sup>5</sup> Indiana	3,202,368	3,202,368	0.0%
Iowa ^	1,023,712	1,023,712	0.0%
Kansas	1,137,622	811,290	-28.7%
Kentucky	3,186,400	3,069,700	-3.7%
Louisiana ♦	5,579,340	3,924,939	-29.7%
Maine	694,915	654,377	-5.8%
Maryland	13,312,093	13,267,237	-0.3%
<sup>6</sup> Massachusetts	9,692,945	9,098,781	-6.1%
Michigan	1,417,400	1,417,400	0.0%
Minnesota	30,015,000	29,990,000	-0.1%
Mississippi	1,726,671	1,681,564	-2.6%
<sup>7</sup> Missouri ♦	10,426,720	7,611,505	-27.0%
Montana ^	465,556	440,184	-5.4%
Nebraska	1,488,548	1,432,887	-3.7%
Nevada	1,093,715	1,106,460	1.2%
New Hampshire	515,193	462,065	-10.3%
<sup>8</sup> New Jersey ♦	17,075,000	20,699,000	21.2%
New Mexico	1,958,150	1,779,100	-9.1%
New York	52,032,000	41,522,000	-20.2%
<sup>9</sup> North Carolina	8,678,481	8,650,925	-0.3%
North Dakota	684,367	684,367	0.0%
Northern Marianas +	242,468	242,468	0.0%
Ohio	6,594,290	6,594,290	0.0%
Oklahoma	4,763,987	4,406,689	-7.5%
Oregon ^	2,087,772	1,916,679	-8.2%
<sup>10</sup> Pennsylvania	11,992,000	8,400,000	-30.0%
Puerto Rico	15,500,000	14,353,000	-7.4%
Rhode Island	2,351,540	2,103,344	-10.6%
South Carolina	2,453,985	2,050,846	-16.4%
<sup>11</sup> South Dakota	526,481	668,509	27.0%
Tennessee	8,382,800	8,105,700	-3.3%
Texas	7,033,147	6,074,544	-13.6%
<sup>12</sup> Utah	2,911,000	2,814,900	-3.3%
Vermont	507,607	507,607	0.0%
Virgin Islands +	743,208	743,208	0.0%
Virginia	4,420,804	3,794,813	-14.2%
Washington	1,844,000	1,347,000	-27.0%
West Virginia ♦	2,500,683	2,488,470	-0.5%
Wisconsin	2,417,700	2,417,700	0.0%
Wyoming	1,143,829	1,295,439	13.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 293,187,990</b>	<b>\$ 272,045,033</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>

**Table Footnotes**

+ Jurisdiction did not provide FY2011 appropriation information. Flat funding is assumed until new budgets are determined.

^ Figures reflect SAA appropriations only and do not include appropriations to the state's cultural endowment.

♦ Percent change is significantly affected by a change in line items. Please contact [Sue Struve](#) for more information.

<sup>1</sup> Arizona  
SAA is expecting midyear cuts, however the magnitude of these cuts is unknown at this time.

<sup>2</sup> California  
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<sup>2</sup> Arkansas  
FY2011 appropriation includes \$500,000 released by the governor for cultural regional arts grants.

<sup>4</sup> Florida  
Appropriations include operating funds for the Museum of Florida History. Excluding these funds, base legislative appropriations decreased by 49.0%.

<sup>5</sup> Indiana  
FY2010 appropriation does not reflect a 9.7% mandatory reserve. FY2011 appropriation does not reflect a 15% mandatory reserve.

<sup>6</sup> Massachusetts  
Figures reflect SAA budget only and do not include appropriation of \$7 million to the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. Although the money does not go through the agency budget, the SAA manages the grant process and provides technical assistance.

<sup>7</sup> Missouri  
In FY2010, the SAA received a midyear cut to its appropriation and was directed to spend principal from the state-run cultural endowment. In FY2011, the SAA was not appropriated any funds and was again directed to spend principal from the cultural endowment. Figures represent the total spending authority from the legislature in each year.

<sup>8</sup> New Jersey  
FY2011 appropriation includes \$4.3 million drawn from the principal of the state-run cultural trust, to be used for legislatively designated line item recipients (not for agency programs, discretionary grants or operations).

<sup>9</sup> North Carolina  
FY2011 appropriation does not reflect a 1%-5% holdback that is likely to occur.

<sup>10</sup> Pennsylvania  
FY2011 appropriation does not reflect a \$500,000 holdback.

<sup>11</sup> South Dakota  
FY2011 appropriation reflects projected revenue from promotion tax.

<sup>12</sup> Utah  
Figures reflect the SAA budget only and do not include funds to the Board of Education for the Beverly Sorenson Arts Learning Program. Although these funds do not flow through the agency budget, the SAA provides staff support for the program.

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