

This report provides a forecast of state government funding for the arts as budgets for FY2011 are being finalized and national funding trends are beginning to emerge. Please note that this is preliminary information. As of publication, some states' budgets have yet to be enacted. Bear in mind also that this report contains information on state legislative appropriations only, and does not include federal funds and other revenue sources. Comprehensive details about state arts agency (SAA) revenues can be found in [NASAA's Legislative Appropriations Annual Survey, Fiscal Year 2010](#). The FY2011 edition of the complete report will be published in early 2011.

## FISCAL YEAR 2011 OUTLOOK FOR THE ARTS

- **Large gaps continue for fiscal year 2011 and beyond.** According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), 38 states and Puerto Rico project budget gaps totaling \$89 billion for FY2011. These are on top of cumulative budget gaps of \$174.1 billion already closed in fiscal FY2010. It is predicted that by FY2013 states will have addressed budget gaps in excess of \$531 billion since the recession began. On a more positive note, NCSL reports that 42 states project that FY2011 revenues will grow above current-year levels.
- **Thirty-one state arts agencies predict decreases in legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2011.** Compared to last year, the number of states receiving cuts has decreased slightly, and the number of states expecting large cuts has decreased by 38%.
- **Ten states expect their appropriations to increase.** In a number of states, this reflects a partial restoration of funds lost in FY2010. Fifteen states are reporting flat funding in FY2011.
- **Total appropriations will likely decline another 12.9% between fiscal years 2010 and 2011.** Appropriations have declined 34.7% in the last 10 years. After adjusting for inflation, the 10 year decrease is just over 45%.
- **National per capita legislative spending on state arts agencies is expected to be \$0.86 in fiscal year 2011.** This is a \$0.13 decrease from total per capita spending in FY2010. One third of SAAs have reported per capita spending of less than \$0.50.

### Projected Changes in SAA Total Legislative Appropriations Fiscal Years 2010-2011

<b>Increases</b>	
Number of SAAs	10
Number of SAAs up 10%+	5
Median percent change	10.4%
<b>Flat Funding</b>	
Number of SAAs*	15
<b>Decreases</b>	
Number of SAAs	31
Number of SAAs down 10%+	16
Median percent change	-10.3%
<b>All States</b>	
Aggregate percent change	-12.9%
Median percent change	-1.6%

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

## ABOUT THIS DATA

To help gauge emerging budget trends, NASAA surveyed state and jurisdictional arts agencies in May and June of 2010 for estimates of their anticipated FY2011 appropriations. Most states begin their fiscal years in July and end them in June. The figures reported here should be understood as preliminary and subject to change as legislatures revisit budgets throughout the fiscal year to adjust for shifting revenue and expense expectations. NASAA's complete census of FY2011 legislative appropriations and revenue (including state transfer funds, National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grants and private/earned funding) will be released in early winter. To learn more about any of the information contained in this report, please contact NASAA Research Associate Shannah Sphar at 202-347-6352 x111 or [shannah.sphar@nasaa-arts.org](mailto:shannah.sphar@nasaa-arts.org).

**State Arts Agency Legislative Appropriations**  
Fiscal Years 2010-2011

State or Special Jurisdiction	Enacted FY10 Including Line Items	Projected FY11		Percent Change FY10 to FY11
		Excluding Line Items	Including Line Items	
Alabama	\$ 4,625,625	\$ 4,625,624	\$ 4,625,624	0.0%
Alaska	684,400	695,600	695,600	1.6%
American Samoa ^	50,000	50,000	50,000	0.0%
Arizona	956,100	680,100	680,100	-28.9%
<sup>1</sup> Arkansas*	1,621,058	1,611,909	2,111,909	30.3%
California	4,123,000	4,312,000	4,312,000	4.6%
Colorado	1,178,071	1,175,359	1,175,359	-0.2%
Connecticut	6,261,984	3,215,712	5,988,722	-4.4%
Delaware	1,740,000	1,742,400	1,742,400	0.1%
District of Columbia	6,534,175	5,060,492	5,060,492	-22.6%
<sup>2</sup> Florida*	5,217,650	4,696,661	6,356,661	21.8%
Georgia	2,324,083	790,735	790,735	-66.0%
Guam	288,700	288,700	288,700	0.0%
Hawaii	6,160,022	6,492,503	6,492,503	5.4%
Idaho	728,500	715,600	715,600	-1.8%
Illinois	8,569,900	8,569,900	8,569,900	0.0%
Indiana	2,882,132	3,202,368	3,202,368	11.1%
Iowa	1,023,712	1,023,712	1,023,712	0.0%
Kansas	1,138,083	810,947	810,947	-28.7%
Kentucky	3,186,400	3,075,800	3,075,800	-3.5%
Louisiana	5,579,340	2,881,939	2,881,939	-48.3%
Maine	687,610	677,427	677,427	-1.5%
Maryland	13,312,093	13,242,788	13,242,788	-0.5%
<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts	9,692,945	9,249,712	9,249,712	-4.6%
Michigan	1,417,400	1,417,400	1,417,400	0.0%
Minnesota	30,274,000	29,990,000	29,990,000	-0.9%
Mississippi	1,726,671	1,681,564	1,681,564	-2.6%
<sup>4</sup> Missouri*	11,433,500	9,021,799	9,771,799	-14.5%
Montana	460,351	437,199	437,199	-5.0%
Nebraska	1,471,965	1,246,687	1,432,887	-2.7%
Nevada	1,064,207	1,074,450	1,074,450	1.0%
New Hampshire	515,193	462,065	462,065	-10.3%
New Jersey*	17,075,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	-6.3%
New Mexico	1,958,150	1,640,800	1,851,500	-5.4%
New York	52,032,000	30,038,000	31,572,000	-39.3%
North Carolina	8,678,481	7,842,875	8,298,702	-4.4%
North Dakota	684,367	684,367	684,367	0.0%
Northern Marianas	242,468	182,558	182,558	-24.7%
Ohio	6,594,290	6,594,290	6,594,290	0.0%
Oklahoma	4,763,987	4,177,073	4,177,073	-12.3%
Oregon	2,087,772	2,082,626	2,082,626	-0.2%
Pennsylvania	11,992,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	-16.6%
Puerto Rico	25,927,000	16,576,000	21,648,000	-16.5%
Rhode Island*	1,918,499	1,700,871	2,103,346	9.6%
<sup>5</sup> South Carolina	3,064,420	2,040,382	2,290,382	-25.3%
South Dakota	521,391	668,509	668,509	28.2%
Tennessee	8,382,800	7,980,700	8,205,700	-2.1%
<sup>6</sup> Texas*	7,745,294	5,594,035	5,594,035	-27.8%
<sup>7</sup> Utah	2,911,000	2,629,600	2,814,900	-3.3%
Vermont	507,607	507,607	507,607	0.0%
Virgin Islands	743,208	743,208	743,208	0.0%
Virginia	4,420,804	3,794,813	3,794,813	-14.2%
Washington	1,844,000	1,347,000	1,347,000	-27.0%
West Virginia	2,500,683	1,203,645	2,508,470	0.3%
Wisconsin	2,417,700	2,417,700	2,417,700	0.0%
Wyoming	1,143,829	1,345,439	1,345,439	17.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$307,085,620</b>	<b>\$252,011,250</b>	<b>\$267,520,587</b>	<b>-12.9%</b>

**Table Notes**

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

\* Percent change is significantly affected by a change in line items.

<sup>1</sup> Arkansas

Line item funds will be released for specific projects at the governor's discretion.

<sup>2</sup> Florida

Increase is due to line items and funds for Museum of Florida History. Funds for SAA programs and administration decreased 49%.

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts

Figures reflect the SAA budget only and do not include appropriations to the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. Although these funds do not flow through the agency budget, the SAA provides staff support for the program.

<sup>4</sup> Missouri

In FY10 the agency received a mid-year cut to its appropriation and was directed to spend principal from the state-run cultural endowment. In FY2011 the agency was not appropriated any funds but instead was directed to spend principal from the cultural endowment. Figures represent the total spending authority from the legislature each year.

<sup>5</sup> South Carolina

Line item funds include non-NEA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds designated by the legislature for the SAA in both FY2010 (\$500,000) and FY2011 (\$250,000).

<sup>6</sup> Texas

Line item appropriation for FY2010 includes non-NEA ARRA funds designated by the legislature to pass through the SAA.

<sup>7</sup> Utah

Figures reflect the SAA budget only and do not include funds to the Utah State Board of Education for the Beverly Sorensen Arts Learning Program. Although funds do not flow through the agency budget, the SAA provides staff support for the program.