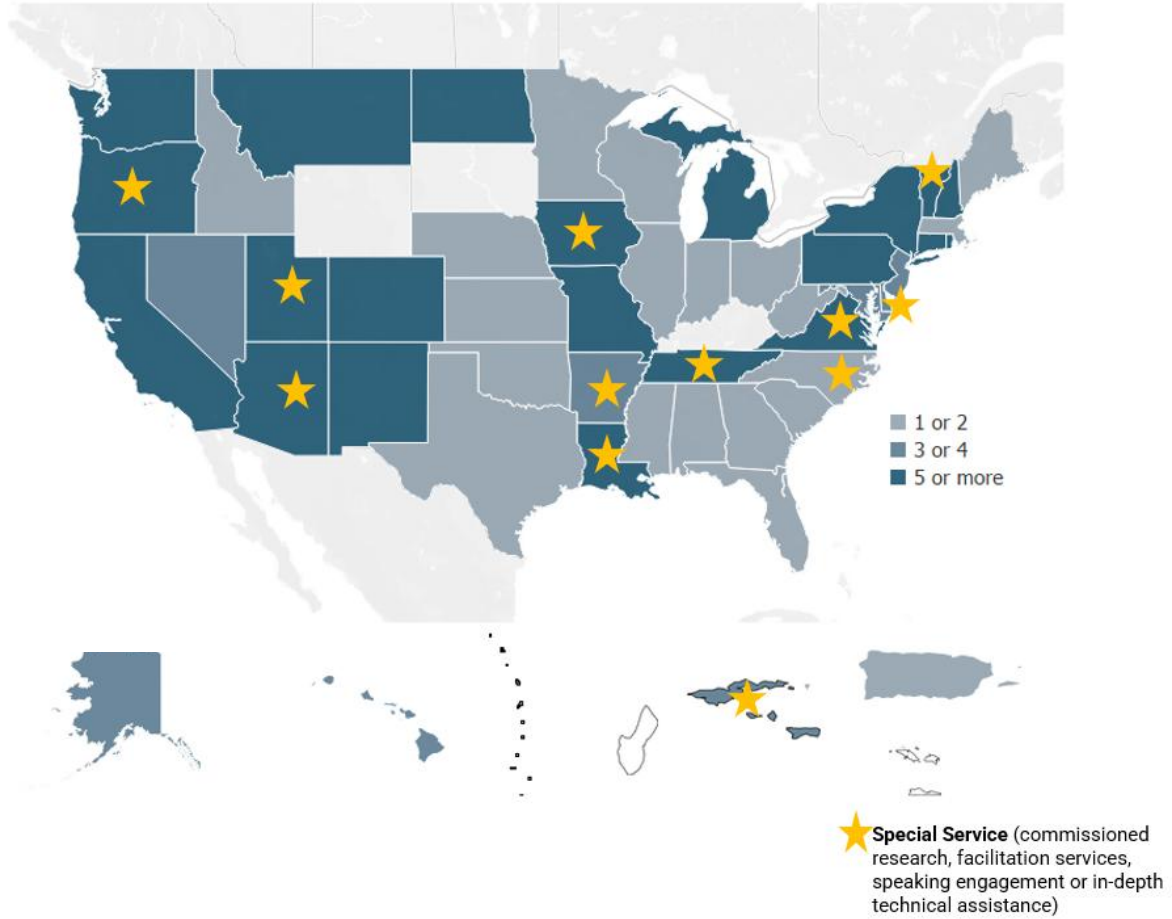
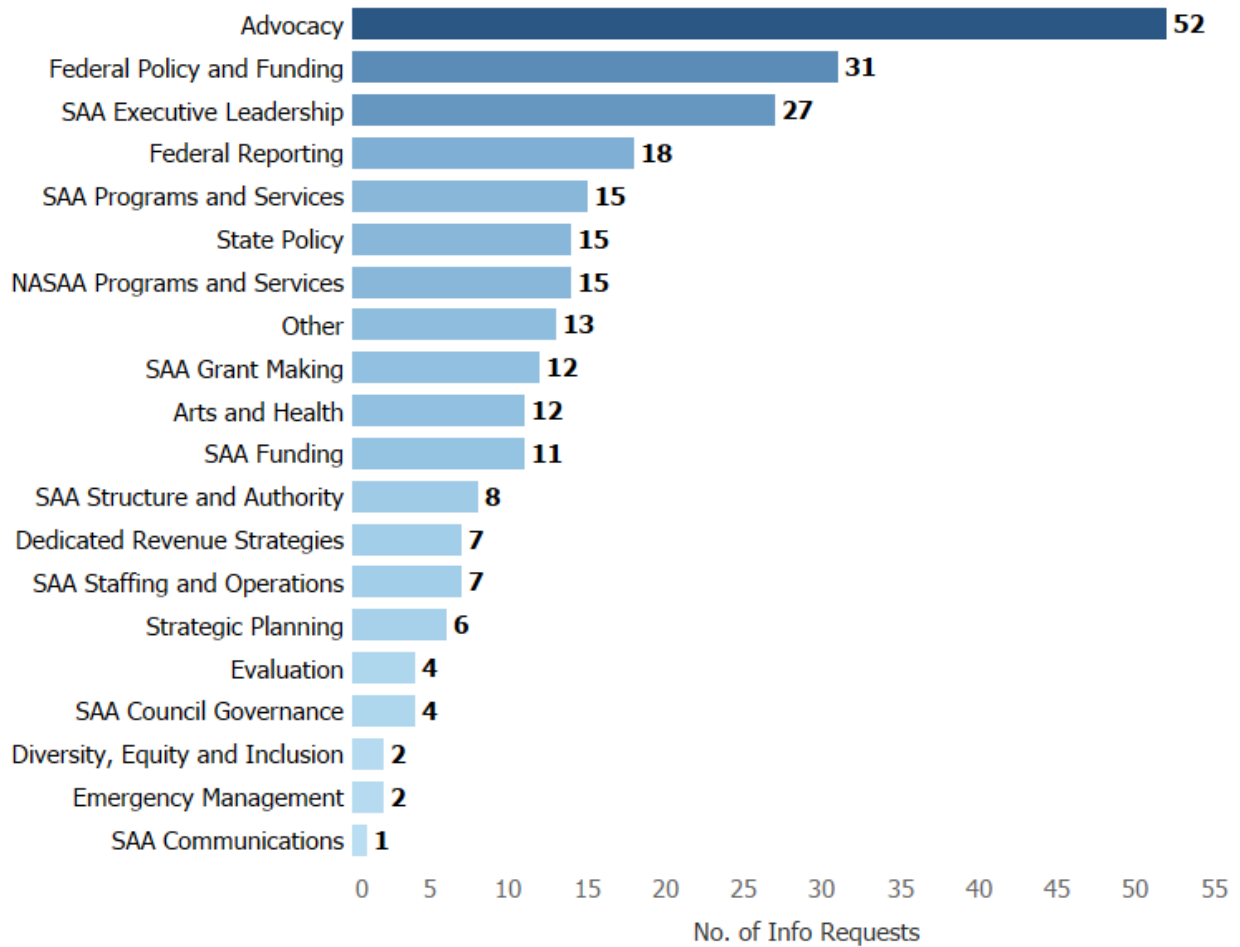




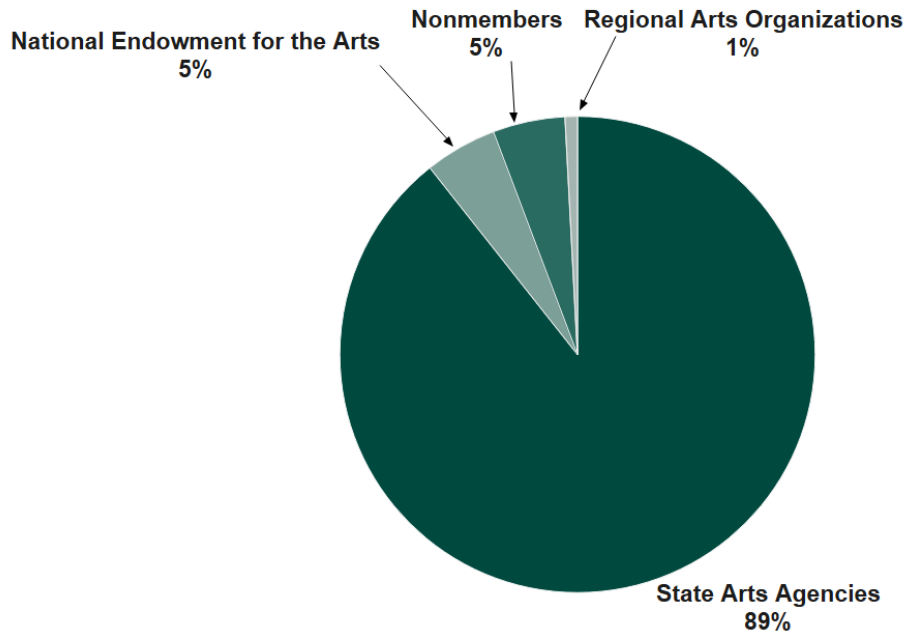
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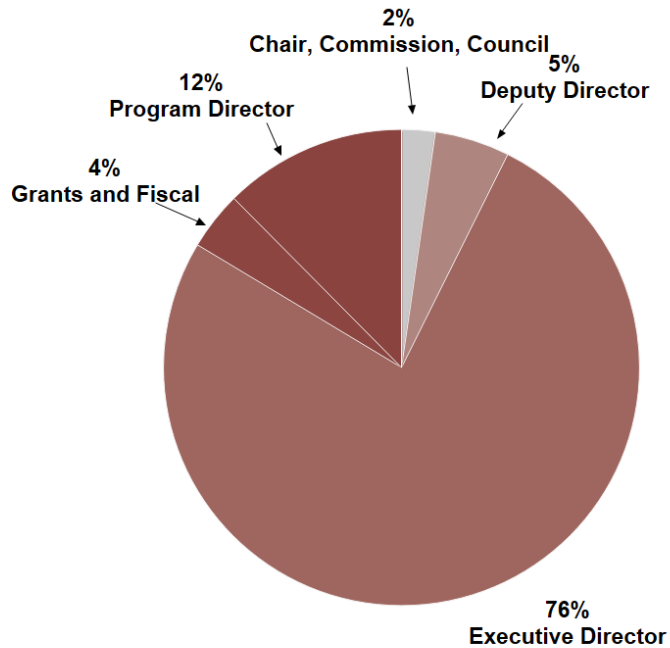
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## Examples of Recent Information Requests

### Advocacy

- We are mapping out our talking points for the **next legislative session**, to hopefully restore agency funding. Can you review them?
- We're launching a **new advocacy effort** following the election of a new governor. Can we pick your brain?
- We are having a hard time convincing people to invest public—rather than private—funds in the arts. What data can help?
- We are providing a professional development program for our county arts council executives. Can you conduct training on the **role of public money** in the arts ecosystem?
- We're slated for a substantial cut in the governor's budget. Can NASAA supply some information we could use for upcoming **legislative testimony**?
- Can you recommend advocacy talking points for legislators who believe in small government?
- Is there any info I can share with my legislature about the **importance of funding** the arts council in a state budget crisis (significant reduction proposed)?
- Since NASAA provides so much invaluable data (through maps and otherwise), we would love to discuss **data and mapping**.
- Our state arts agency has been slated for **restructuring** in this coming legislative session. We need help demonstrating our agency's **return on investment** to a governor who wants to curtail the role of government. Can you help?
- Can you offer some guidance on Capitol Hill visits?
- Would you provide some **advocacy talking points** and sample social media posts?
- What's your feedback on our **legislative strategy** for a significant budget increase?
- I'm preparing to testify before my legislative budget committee. Can NASAA **review a draft of my legislative testimony**?
- Would you help us **workshop an appropriate public statement** regarding current events?

### Funding

- I'd like to learn more about funding mechanisms for state arts agencies. Can you help?
- What **funding and grant-making comparison resources** do you have?
- We are in budgeting season and have been asked to provide data on comparable arts initiatives in peer states to assess whether growth in our state's support for the arts matches trends in other states. Can you help us gather some data?
- What are the state rankings for **per capita arts funding** this year? What is the national average for per capita arts funding?
- Are there SAAs with a **tax based dedicated revenue** stream?
- What are the **pros and cons of identifying alternative revenue sources** when facing legislative budget cuts?
- I'm trying to figure out the best way to deploy my **America 250** funds. Can I run some ideas past you?
- Can NASAA answer some questions about **legislative line items and general budget appropriations**?
- Do you have **historical data** on SAA legislative appropriations in my state?

## Governance, Operations and Policy

- How many SAA executive directors are **appointed by the governor** and how many are hired by the arts council?
- Would you please provide a briefing to our **council about council roles and responsibilities** and how public boards are different than nonprofits?
- Can you provide information on the **structural placement** of state arts agencies in larger government departments?
- Could you review this **agenda design of an upcoming council meeting**?
- What is the typical role of SAA councils in **authorizing grant awards**?
- Would you explain the relationship between a state arts agency council's **advisory and governance roles**?
- Our council is hiring a new executive director. Could you send us **SAA salary data by budget size and region**?
- Can you tell me more about NASAA's resources for SAA staff who identify **as people of color**?
- Does NASAA have examples of **job descriptions** for a director of government relations?
- Could you share **organizational structures** of similarly sized SAAs?
- Do any other SAAs have purview over **music or film offices**?
- Can NASAA help with **onboarding our new executive director**?
- If our governor convenes a **state agency restructuring** task force, what kind of policy information could NASAA supply?
- We are updating our **council member handbook**. Do you have any models or best practices from other SAAs that you can share?
- Is NASAA able to help **guide us through capacity building and expanding our regional representation**?

## Grant Making and Nongrant Programming

- What information does NASAA have on different ways that SAAs approach and organize **panels**?
- I am looking for the fancy map NASAA created in the past that shows SAA grant making combined with demographics. Is it available for viewing?
- Our council is considering our **funding formula** and would benefit greatly from reviewing other SAA formulas. Could you assist us?
- Does NASAA have best-practice suggestions about **grant panelist selection** criteria/policies?
- Please share your list of SAAs' **decentralized grant programs**.
- We're looking for a new **grant management system**. What do other SAAs use?
- How many SAAs offer a **stipend to their grant panelists**?
- Which SAAs have grant programs supporting **tribal entities**?
- Do you have statistics on **rural grant making**?
- Does NASAA have state-specific **race and economic equity** information?
- We are looking for examples of **arts in health care** programs. Any suggestions?
- Can you do a grants and application analysis for our various programs over a 5 year period?

## National Endowment for the Arts

- What are the **eligibility criteria for National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Partnership Agreement** funding? If we change structure, could we lose our federal support?
- How is federal shutdown and budget impasse likely to affect NEA?
- We are concerned about changing NEA requirements, can you help us understand them?
- Can you clarify **NEA matching requirements**? My state legislature wants to know how our federal funding would be impacted if it reduces its investment in the arts.
- When is this year's **NEA Partnership Agreement panel review**?
- I have some questions regarding our **NEA grantee audit**.
- Would you help us respond to an **information request from the NEA**?

## Planning, Evaluation and Research

- Can you help us analyze updates to our **project support grants**?
- Could you share **examples of other SAAs' strategic plans**?
- Can you assist us with a **strategic planning survey and report analysis**?
- Could you provide **examples of SAA operational/action plans**?
- We may be facing a **legislative audit**. Have other states gone through this? What kind of data can NASAA provide?
- How are other state arts agencies approaching planning and advocacy?
- We're embarking on a new strategic planning process. What **planning facilitation services** could NASAA provide?
- As we approach strategic planning and budget cuts, we are wondering if we can streamline any grantmaking structures. Can you provide us with examples of other states that have streamlined grantmaking?
- Could you provide more **details on the data behind the Creative Economy State Profiles**?
- Are there **examples of other states reshaping their education policy** to include the arts?
- Can you provide information on the **demographic composition** of the creative economy?

## FDR (Final Descriptive Report) Requirements

- I've been tasked with preparing FDRs. Can you offer **tools and tips for preparing FDRs**?
- Do you have examples of guidance on reporting "**Populations Benefited**"?
- How do "**Project Activity Locations**" apply to Poetry Out Loud and our apprenticeship program?
- Please send me the current **Quick and Easy Guide to Field Definitions and Data Coding**.
- How do I account for **nongrant programs** in my FDR?
- What is the new single audit requirement?
- How do we report awards that involve **fiscal agents**?