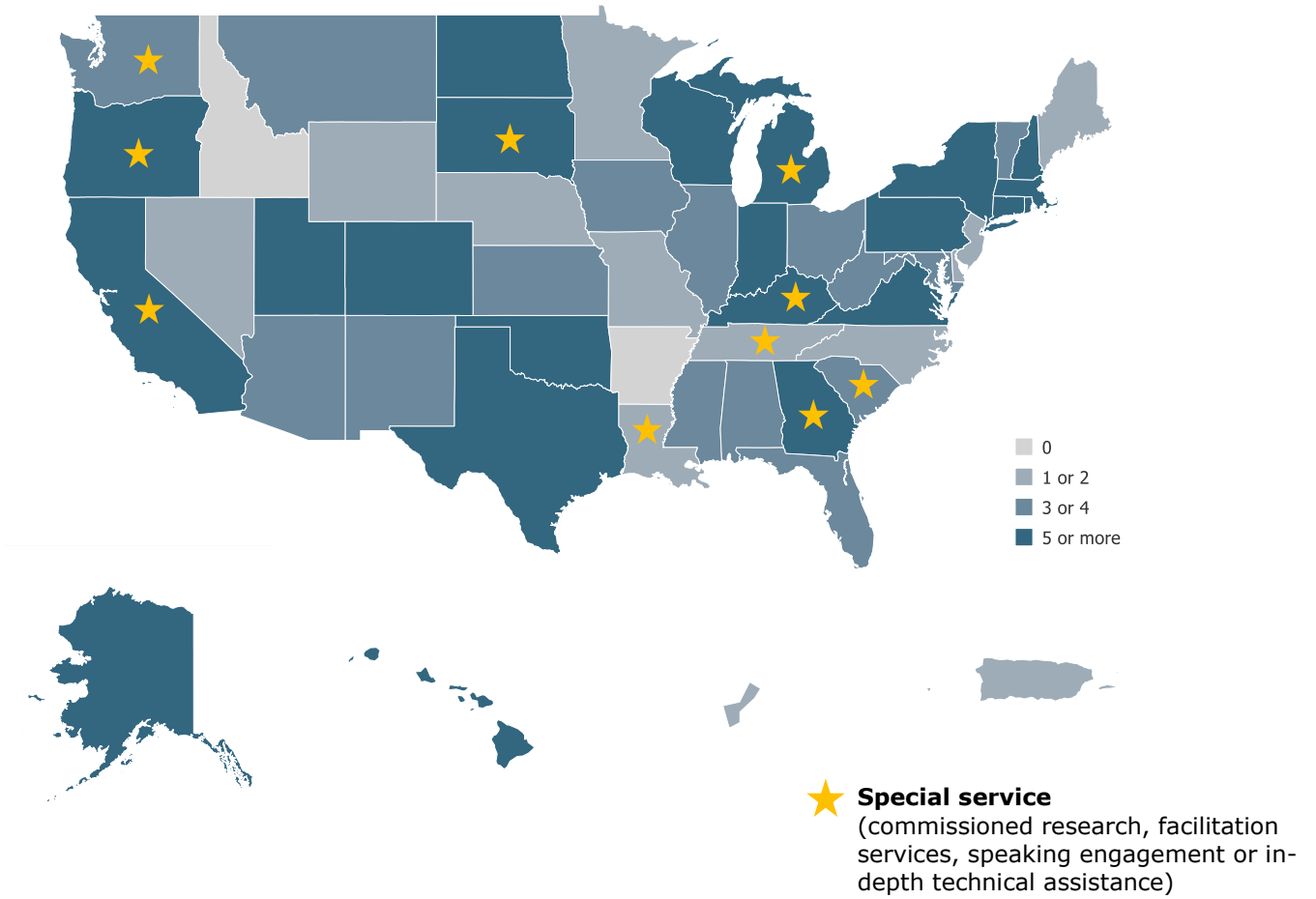
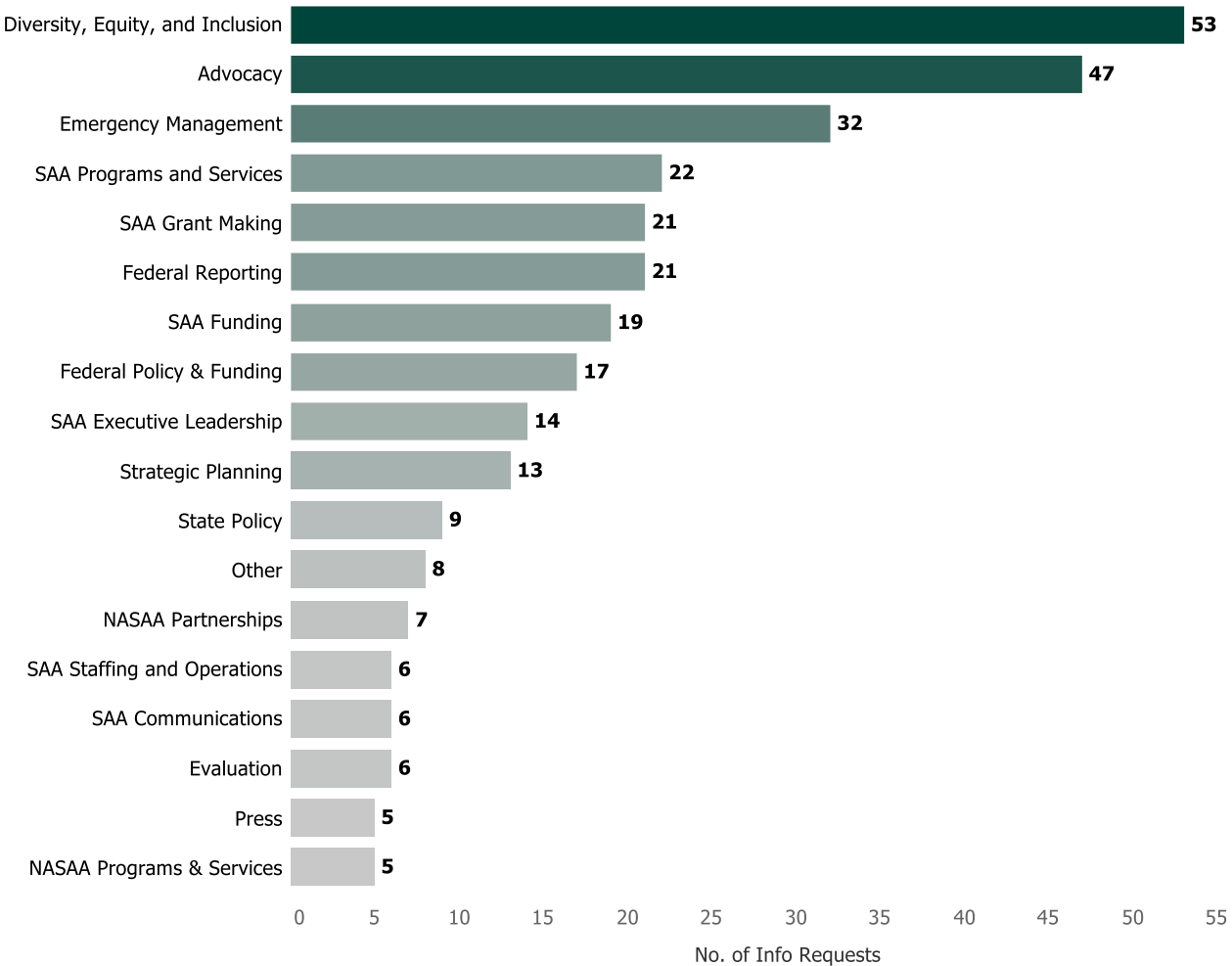




## Information Requests by State, 10/1/2020 to 3/31/2021

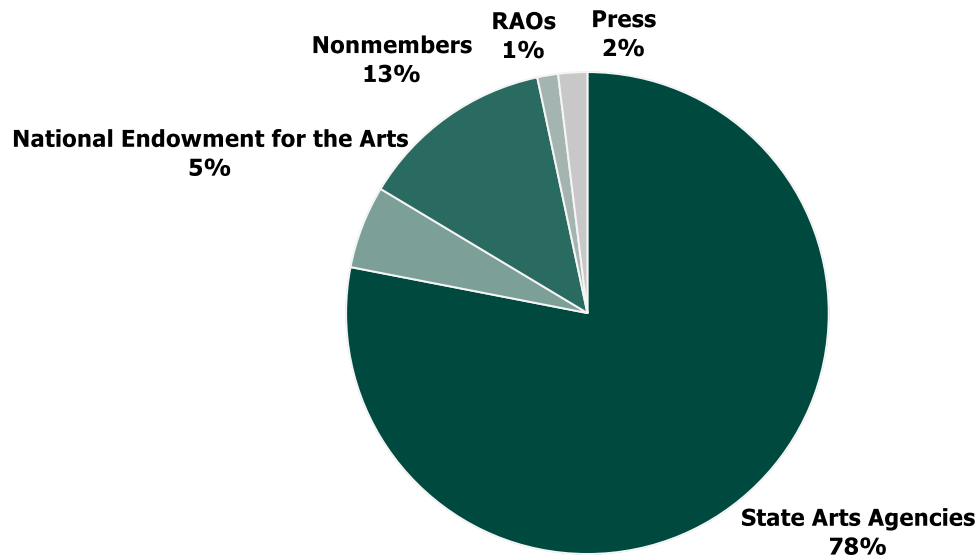


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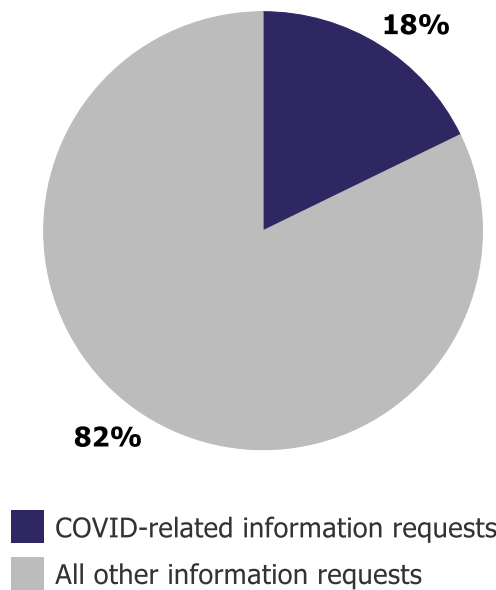


Note: Many COVID-19 information requests were classified under emergency management.

### Information Requests by Organization Type, 10/1/2020 to 3/31/2021



### Information Requests Related to COVID-19, 10/1/2020 to 3/31/2021



Note: Includes all information requests related to COVID-19.

## Examples of Recent Information Requests

### Advocacy

- We're launching a **new advocacy effort** following the election of a new governor. Can we pick your brain?
- 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 **map our grants by congressional district?**
- Can 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?**
- Can you help us **workshop an appropriate public statement** regarding current events?

### Funding

- What **funding and grant-making comparison resources** do you have?
- How many other SAAs have a **companion foundation or friends group** dedicated to raising additional revenue?
- Could you send examples of **dedicated arts license plate** programs? How much money do these programs raise?
- 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?
- 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?
- I'm looking for some examples of how **SAA councils support diversity, equity and inclusion** initiatives of their agencies.
- Please share NASAA's **diversity, equity and inclusion** policy statement.
- 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 an SAA council's **advisory and governance roles?**
- Our council is hiring a new executive director. Could you send us **salary data by budget and region?**
- Can you tell me more about NASAA's resources for SAA staff that are **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?
- Which SAAs are connected to their **state cultural tourism office?**
- 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

- Does NASAA have examples of SAA grant programs that help arts groups **recover from disasters?**
- 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?**
- We are examining issues of **equity and alignment within our major grant categories**. Can NASAA help us learn how other states approach these issues?
- Do you have statistics on **rural grant making?**
- Does NASAA have state-specific **race and economic equity** information?
- Any thoughts on how to demonstrate the **cost-effectiveness of arts and military programs**, especially those working with people with post-traumatic stress disorder?
- We are looking for examples of **arts in health care** programs. Any suggestions?
- Can you **recommend experts** to speak on breaking down structural racism in grant making?
- Can you help us **reshape our grant application process** to include new ways of gathering information, such as an interview process?

### National Endowment for the Arts

- What are the **eligibility criteria for National Endowment for the Arts Partnership Agreement** funding? If we change structure, could we lose our federal support?
- Can you clarify **Arts Endowment 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 **National Endowment for the Arts Partnership Agreement panel review?**
- I have some questions regarding our **Arts Endowment grantee audit**.
- Do you have examples of how **relief funding from the Arts Endowment** worked during the last major stimulus package?
- Can you help us respond to an **information request from the Arts Endowment?**

### Planning, Evaluation and Research

- Could you share **examples of other SAAs' strategic plans?**
- We may be facing a **legislative audit**. Have other states gone through this? What kind of data can NASAA provide?
- What is the optimal size, composition and role of a **strategic planning committee?**
- Do you have any recommendations about **strategic planning consultants?**
- We're embarking on a new strategic planning process. What **planning facilitation services** could NASAA provide?
- We need help designing a **strategic planning survey**.
- We're interested in conducting a **regional study of the impact of the arts**.
- Can you provide more **details on data behind the Creative Economy State Profiles?** Can we discuss the **economic impact of the creative sector** in more detail?
- How do other states **track the impact of their creative placemaking programs?**

- 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?
- Can you provide feedback on **our arts in health survey and implementation time line?**

### **FDR (Final Descriptive Report) Requirements**

- I've been tasked with preparing FDRs. Can you provide some **tools and tips for preparing FDRs?**
- How do "Project Activity Locations" apply to Poetry Out Loud and our apprenticeship program?
- Do you have examples of guidance on **reporting populations benefited?**
- Please send me the latest edition of the **Quick and Easy Guide to Field Definitions and Data Coding.**
- How do I account for **nongrant programs** in my FDR?
- Should I report **activity locations** separately?
- How do we report awards that involve **fiscal agents?**
- Has COVID-19 affected **FDR requirements or deadlines?**

### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

- We are preparing **a brief on how the arts can support state government responses** to the pandemic. Can you review our recommendations?
- Can you send examples of surveys other states are using to **measure the impact of COVID-19?**
- How are SAAs **adapting strategic planning practices** due to the pandemic?
- We want to create a **relief program for artists.** Do you have examples from other states that have created similar programs?
- What type of **emergency funding** to organizations and/or individuals are other states offering?
- How are states **repurposing their current grants** to accommodate the new reality of the pandemic?
- Have any states received **CARES Act funding** for supplemental arts relief outside of Arts Endowment funds?
- Do you have **guidelines for safely reopening organizations?**