



Report to Councils March 2018

Looking to make a case for public investment in the arts? Want to understand the arts-funding ecosystem? Hoping to connect with other state arts agency council members? Report to Councils has your answers! Contact NASAA Communications Manager [Sue Struve](#) to be sure you're on our e-mail list.

NASAA Statement on NEA Elimination Proposal

Last month, President Trump's proposed fiscal year 2019 budget again called for [elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts](#) (NEA). However, it is Congress that holds the ultimate responsibility to appropriate funds for the federal government, and both the House and Senate have strongly rejected past elimination attempts. When you meet with local business leaders and legislators, as well as state and federal policymakers, use [the talking points](#) from NASAA's statement to explain the benefits of public funding for the arts to your state's residents. NASAA's [advocacy tools](#) can help to make your case.

Share New Arts Advocacy Videos

NASAA's new arts advocacy videos concisely capture four contributions the arts make to thriving American communities:

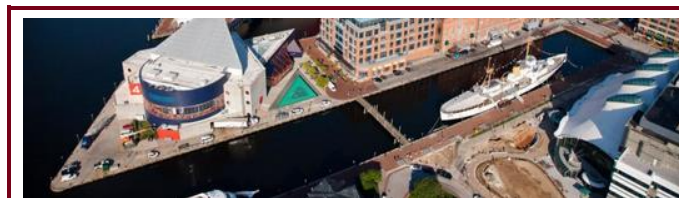
- [American Ingenuity](#)
- [Art Heals](#)
- [Student Success](#)
- [Art in Our Everyday Lives](#)



Share the good news in these videos on your social media channels and with your professional network. You might consider using a video as an intro to an op-ed or blog based in your state. Find all four videos, tools for action and data citations on our [Act Now!](#) page.

State Level Impact of the Arts

[Creative Economy State Profiles](#) help you explore the economic impact of the arts at the state level. This resource can tell you the number of creative-sector jobs in your state and how the arts compare to other industries. It uses the latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, and was produced in cooperation with the NEA.



**Save the date for
NASAA Assembly 2018
November 1-3 | Baltimore, Maryland**
All state arts agency council members and staff are invited to this unique arts leadership conference!

Who's Who in Government Arts Funding?

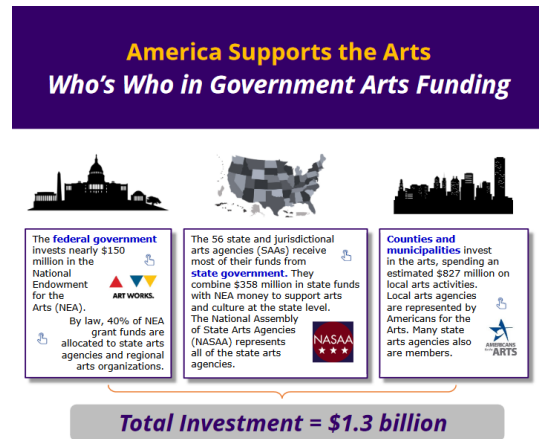
NASAA's updated infographic offers a snapshot of the arts funding ecosystem. It illustrates who funds the arts, who benefits and who advocates. Check out [Who's Who in Government Arts Funding](#) to get the big picture—and the data behind it.

The Arts and America's Bottom Line

In January, NASAA held a media briefing at the National Press club designed to affirm and showcase the importance of public investment in the arts for American communities. [The Arts and America's Bottom Line](#) featured remarks by [NASAA CEO Pam Breaux](#) and speakers sharing stories of creative placemaking successes and the healing power of the arts. Watch excerpts from [Susan DuPlessis](#) of the South Carolina Arts Commission, community leader [Matt Mardell](#), Army veteran [Sebastian Munevar](#) and medical and military advisor [Dr. Sara Kass](#).

Raise Your Ranking, and Other Funding Tools

Ever wondered what legislative appropriation amount your state needs to move up in the national per capita rankings? NASAA's new [Raise Your Ranking](#) tool allows you to find out! It's just one of a [suite of dashboards](#) to help you visualize the data in NASAA's just-out [State Arts Agency Revenues report](#) for fiscal year 2018. Explore appropriations and other types of funding, compare appropriations in your state to other states, and discover trends over time.



Your Help Makes a Difference!



A BIG thank you to all the [donors](#) who help make NASAA successful! Contributions from people like you make possible NASAA's influential and strategic advocacy work to protect the NEA and preserve the 40% of its program funds that go to state arts agencies.

Most of NASAA's budget comes from federal funding and membership dues, which can't be used for advocacy—that's why your support is so important. With your help, NASAA will continue to equip advocates with essential resources and data like the ones featured in this report and meet the growing demand to protect public funding for the arts. If you haven't yet, please [give today!](#) Thank you!