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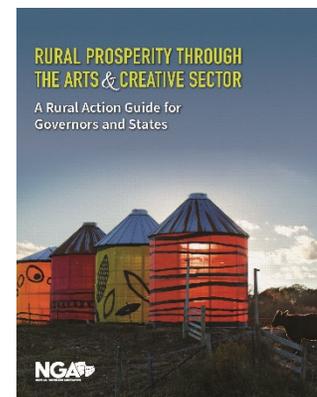
State arts agency board and council members: Get news you can use from NASAA's Report to Councils! Want to receive Report to Councils regularly? Contact NASAA Communications Manager [Sue Struve](#).

Help the NEA to \$167.5 Million in FY2020

The President's fiscal year 2020 budget proposes elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). However, it is Congress, not the administration, that allocates funding for federal agencies—and bipartisan support for the NEA in Congress is strong. NASAA joins national arts advocates in requesting \$167.5 million for the arts endowment in FY2020 (compared to its FY2019 level of \$155 million). To encourage your legislators to understand the value to their communities of this increase, check out NASAA Legislative Counsel Isaac Brown's [suggestions for action](#).

Rural Prosperity Guide and Resources

[Rural Prosperity through the Arts & Creative Sector: A Rural Action Guide for Governors and States](#), released by the National Governors Association, shows how policymakers at the state, local and federal levels can harness the creative economy to help boost opportunities in our rural communities. The NEA and NASAA collaborated on this fact-filled advocacy resource you can use to make the case for the arts! NASAA offers a suite of [rural prosperity resources](#), including a new [infographic on rural equity](#) in state arts agency grant making. Hear experts on rural creative economic development at our [Rural Prosperity through the Arts and Creative Sector web seminar](#), **April 25** at 3:00 p.m. Eastern.



Capitol Hill Briefing: Arts and Rural Prosperity

NASAA is making sure policymakers on Capitol Hill are aware of the importance of state arts agencies' work in rural areas. We are hosting a briefing for legislators and their staffs during which we'll share research and model programs that show how the arts and creativity help rural communities thrive. Don't miss our [live webcast on NASAA's Facebook page](#):

Thursday, May 2
9:30-10:30 a.m. Eastern

Learn more about themes and speakers at NASAA's [Arts and Rural Prosperity Capitol Hill Briefing](#).



In addition to chairing the Montana Arts Council, **Cyndy Andrus** is mayor of Bozeman and a member of NASAA's board. Tune in on May 2 to see her leadership in action!

How Arts Aid Health

Research points to the value of arts and creative arts therapies in supporting physical, mental and emotional health and well-being as well as recovery from injury and illness. NASAA offers three new resources that lift up model state arts agency programs and partnerships. The resources consider evidence showing how the arts support older adults, people struggling with opioid abuse, and patients, families and other caregivers in clinical environments:

- [Creative Aging](#)
- [Arts and the Opioid Epidemic](#)
- [Arts in Clinical Settings](#)

Creative Economies, State by State

Our newly updated [Creative Economy State Profiles](#) help you demonstrate the contribution of arts and culture to your state's economy. You'll see the latest data on high-performing arts and cultural industries, comparisons with other state industry sectors, trends, and regional views. Designed to complement the [NEA's growing suite of resources on arts and the economy](#), data for the Creative Economy State Profiles is drawn from the Bureau of Economic Analysis in partnership with the NEA.

Arts & Culture vs. Construction in Georgia

ACPSA Total \$22,074,744,000

Construction \$21,183,600,000

Invest in Advocacy That Works!

NASAA's advocacy has successfully protected the NEA against elimination threats and has increased NEA appropriations four years in a row—resulting in more dollars for your state. Please [make a gift today](#) to keep this success going! **When you give to NASAA, you make possible the advocacy that helps you grow support for the arts in your state.** You also help support the advocacy that gives state arts agencies such a powerful voice in Congress. NASAA's spring campaign ends May 31—please help us keep the arts alive, in communities large and small. Thank you!

Register for NASAA's 2019 Leadership Institute

September 18-20, 2019 | Providence, Rhode Island

[Registration is open](#) for this gathering of state arts agency chairs, council members, executive directors and deputies. [Please join us!](#)

