

## Report to Councils July 2019

Report to Councils is *your* resource for info on federal arts policy, grant-making and funding tools, and chances to connect with peers. Be sure you keep receiving Report to Councils: contact Communications Manager [Sue Struve](#)—and share this edition at your next meeting!

### Help Increase Funding for the National Endowment for the Arts

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation for fiscal year 2020 that would fund the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) at \$167.5 million, an increase of \$12.5 million over FY2019. This is indicative of strong support for the NEA from members of both parties. Next, the Senate must pass its own appropriations bill. To help support the NEA's new funding level, NASAA urges state arts agency council members to contact your [senators on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee](#) and:

1. Thank them for their support.
2. Urge them to support funding the NEA at \$167.5 million in FY2020.
3. Explain how this increase supports their community.
4. Invite them to an arts event to see state dollars in action!

### Visualizing Equity in Grant Making

NASAA offers a custom resource that helps you understand how your agency's grants serve your state's diverse populations. By overlaying demographics with grants data, [Visualizing Equity in Grant Making](#) allows you to see who you are reaching and even compare program data to help you better serve your constituents. Trends and changes over time are also available. Contact NASAA Grants Data Associate [Kelly Liu](#) to discuss your state's dashboards.

### NASAA 2019 Leadership Institute

September 18-20, 2019 | Providence, Rhode Island

[Join sessions tailored for YOU](#) at our conference for state arts agency board and commission members and senior staff:

- Meet appointed leaders from around the nation
- Learn how to advance equity in grant making
- Strengthen strategic partnerships

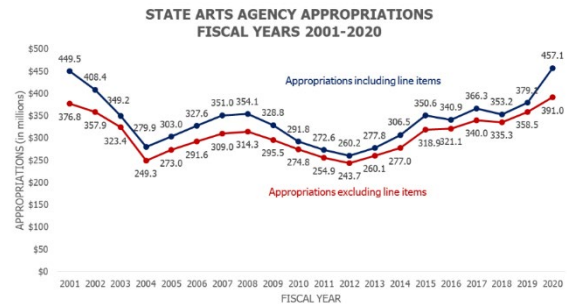


[Register today](#)—and [reserve your lodging by August 25](#) for the best rate!

## FY2020 Appropriations Preview

Just released: NASAA's [State Arts Agency Fiscal Year 2020 Legislative Appropriations Preview!](#)

Check out this brief report to understand national arts funding trends and find out where your state ranks in per capita funding calculations. Learn more about [state arts agency budgets](#), check out our [interactive explorer tools](#), and feel free to [contact NASAA's research team](#) with questions anytime.



### Especially for Council Members

Want to talk to a legislator about arts support? Need info on your state's grant activity? Curious about the status of federal arts funding? Call on NASAA! We have been strengthening state arts agencies for 51 years.

These resources were designed with council members in mind:

- [For Council Members](#) is a one-page grouping of helpful tools and info.
- [Welcome, Newcomers](#): See the Councils Quick-Start Menu, or scroll down to Connect with NASAA.
- A [live video orientation to NASAA services](#) for your council, with NASAA Communications Manager Sue Struve, can be arranged with a click!
- [Advocacy resources](#)—both state and federal—abound.
- [NASAA staff](#) is here for you!



### Capitol Hill Briefing Resources: Arts and Rural Prosperity

NASAA invited policymakers to Capitol Hill in the spring for a briefing on how the arts and culture contribute to the vitality of our rural communities. Speakers included Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Karen McCarthy of the office of Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), NEA Chairman Mary Anne Carter, Bozeman, Montana Mayor Cyndy Andrus, Rural Policy Research Institute founder Chuck Fluharty, and educator Tyler Hughes of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Our [Arts and Rural Prosperity resources](#) include videos of these speakers followed by fact-filled documents you can use to show how the arts empower rural populations and drive prosperity.

### We Do This Together

Your support makes NASAA's advocacy possible—thank you! It helps NASAA go to bat for the National Endowment for the Arts, and it gets you the tools and resources you need to grow support for the arts on the ground in your state. When

you support NASAA, you support the vision of a thriving nation, you help make the arts accessible to everyone, and you affirm the unique and vital role state arts agencies play in America's arts ecosystem. You can learn more about [supporting NASAA](#), or [contribute now](#) to help with our work. Thanks for all you do for the arts!