America Supports the Arts
Who’s Who in Government Arts Funding

Funding

The federal government invests $167.5 million in the National Endowment for the Arts. By law, 40% of the Arts Endowment’s grant funds are allocated to state arts agencies and regional arts organizations.

The 56 state and jurisdictional arts agencies receive most of their funds from state government. They combine $426.6 million in state funds with the Arts Endowment money to support arts and culture at the state level. The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) represents all of the state arts agencies.

Counties and municipalities invest in the arts, spending an estimated $793.7 million on local arts activities. Local arts agencies are represented by Americans for the Arts; many state arts agencies also are members.

Regional arts organizations are nonprofit partners serving multiple states. They receive funds from state arts agencies and the Arts Endowment as well as private contributions.

Total public sector investment = $1.5 billion

Everyone Benefits

The arts promote health and healing, create economic growth, increase educational success, drive American ingenuity and help rural communities to prosper. Public funding for the arts ensures that all communities have access to these benefits. Public arts funding is an important community builder and prosperity generator for states. It makes funds more accessible to communities across America.

Learn More

Get more information about public investments in the arts—and the returns on those investments—in your state:

State Arts Agency Revenue Explorers
National Endowment for the Arts Fact Sheets
Creative Economy State Profiles