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Federal View: Arts Funding, Creative Economy Testimony

In its fiscal year 2023 budget request, the Biden-Harris administration has proposed increasing funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) by \$23 million, to \$203.55 million. The administration reiterates the value of state arts agencies throughout the document. As the House and Senate appropriations committees prepare their FY2023 appropriations bills, here's how you can make the case for this increase with your U.S. senators and representatives:

- Thank Congress for their continued support for the [federal-state partnership](#) that allocates 40% of all grant funding to state arts agencies.
- Urge them to endorse the \$203.55 million request for the NEA for FY2023.
- Remind them that public funding for the arts and creativity is a high-return investment that strengthens every city, town and rural community nationwide.
- Share how this increase would help you serve communities in your state.

In January, NASAA testified at the first-ever hearing in Congress about the state of the creative economy, "The Power, Peril and Promise of the Creative Economy." [NASAA's testimony](#) to of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business highlighted the federal support that helped to mitigate pandemic related losses in the arts and affirmed the power of the cultural sector to spark economic recovery.



NASAA 2022 Learning Series

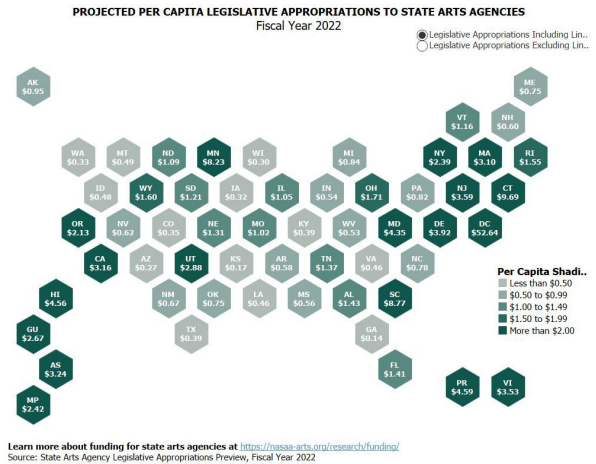
NASAA 2022 Learning Series Launches May 26

All state arts agency council members and staff are encouraged to participate in the [NASAA 2022 Learning Series](#). Taking place throughout the summer, this year's virtual sessions explore topics intended to inform, inspire and energize your work.

First up is a session on how state arts agencies can strengthen arts leadership channels. Empowering BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and/or people of color) administrators helps to strengthen equity strategies and build a strong field for the future. Hear from agencies offering leadership development programs and join your colleagues for [Diversifying and Empowering the Pipeline, May 26 at 3:30 p.m. Eastern](#). All NASAA Learning Series sessions are free to state arts agency council members and staff. [Register today](#)—and be on the lookout for more sessions soon!

How Does Your State Compare?

You probably know the appropriation for your own state arts agency, but do you know how it compares to others—in your region and across the nation? How many states had increases or decreases in their appropriations? Where does your state fall in per capita rankings for the arts? NASAA's [State Arts Agency Revenues, Fiscal Year 2022](#) report answers these questions and more. This thorough report includes comparative state revenue figures, per capita rankings and trend data as well as COVID-19 related funding. [Interactive dashboards](#) help you visualize the data, and our [press release](#) highlights top take-aways.



Now Accepting Nominations: 2022 NASAA Leadership Awards



Nominations for the 2022 NASAA Leadership Awards are now open. Honor outstanding leadership in your state with one of four leadership awards: NASAA's two Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Awards recognize an individual and an agency that demonstrate a robust commitment to supporting and advancing DEI. The Distinguished Public Service Award honors the

exemplary service of a council leader. And the Luminary Award for Transformative Executive Leadership recognizes the significant contributions of an executive director.

Visit the [2022 NASAA Leadership Awards](#) page for more information. **Nominations are due by June 1.**

Interested in NASAA Board Service?

NASAA's Nominating Committee reaches out every year to all state arts agency chairs and executive directors to ask for input on NASAA's annual action plan and recommendations for director positions on the NASAA board. If you're interested in board service—all current and former state arts agency chairs and council members are eligible—find more information about the [attributes and leadership skills](#) NASAA is looking for in 2023. Nominating Committee members will be reaching out in the coming weeks, so please let your chair or director know if you would like to be considered.

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NASAA is here for *you*—as your partner, your voice in Congress, your connector, and your information hub. Council member support is vital to our work, because it gives NASAA the agility and flexibility to be there for your agency in whatever way you need. When you support NASAA, you strengthen your agency and all state arts agencies. Our spring campaign is happening now. [Please join our Ripple Effect campaign with a gift today.](#) Thank you!