


Your gift *makes a difference*—just look at these **accomplishments** from the past year! Support from individuals like you strengthens NASAA’s work and makes all this success possible. A strong NASAA = strong state arts agencies = a strong arts sector. Together NASAA and state arts agencies strengthen the arts. **Thank you!**

ADVOCACY

NASAA advocated for and helped position the arts as a crucial part of American recovery:

- [Testified](#) to Congress to include the arts in federal economic assistance for small businesses.
- Collaborated with the [National League of Cities](#) and the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) to show how the arts boost community health, resilience and economic recovery.



NASAA helped get a \$12.5 million increase for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

The seventh consecutive year of more funding for the NEA and the largest increase in 10 years!

RECOVERY

NASAA supported state arts agencies’ efforts to rebuild the arts sector and contribute to community and economic recovery:

- Helped state arts agencies make the case for and distribute **American Rescue Plan recovery funding**.
- Shared [strategies](#) states adopted for [relief grants](#), [community engagement](#), [artist support](#), [workforce development](#) and more—to inspire and to spread great ideas.
- Answered hundreds of [information requests](#) and advised members on changes, strategies and other timely topics.



Embracing the Arts

States are recognizing that arts and culture enhance the quality of life, attracting tourists and workers and bolstering their economies over the long haul.

THE ARTS STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

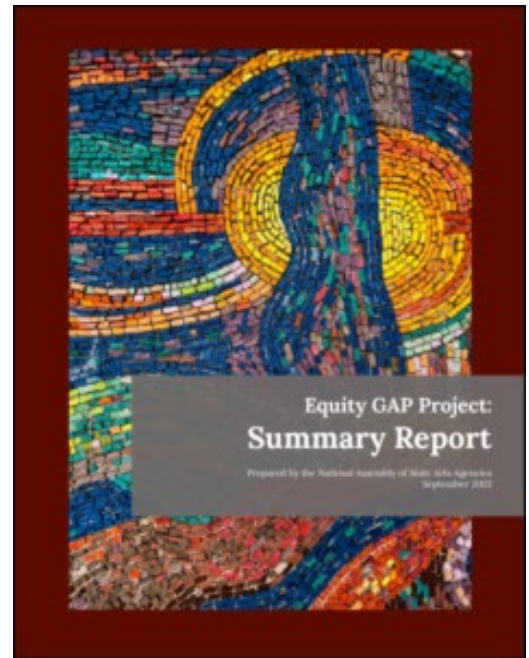
"These small and creative investments in local communities ... matter because place matters and because people matter."

NLC NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES
NASAA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF STATE ARTS AGENCIES
Activating Civic Infrastructure through the Arts

EQUITY

NASAA provided resources, tools and training to help reduce bias and barriers:

- Completed the [Equity GAP Project](#) with the Ohio Arts Council—to assess and reduce obstacles to public funding that rural, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and/or people of color), disabled and low-income communities experience.
- Hosted an **Equitable Operating Support Jam Session** to help state arts agencies swap strategies for reducing barriers to public funding.
- Analyzed the [arts funding ecosystem](#) for BIPOC organizations in California.



NASAA gathered members for [NASAA Assembly 2022](#) in **Kansas City, Missouri**

Our first in-person conference in three years!



COMMUNITY AND MORE

NASAA connected state arts agencies, so they could learn from and with each other:

- Through the [NASAA Learning Series](#), offered **FREE online learning** sessions on advocacy, equity, resilience, BIPOC arts leadership, arts education, rural arts and more.
- Recognized outstanding leadership and diversity, equity and inclusion efforts through our [2022 NASAA Leadership Awards](#).

This is just a snapshot of NASAA's accomplishments from fiscal year 2022. Please see our full [2022 Action Plan Highlights](#) for a comprehensive list of everything we achieved.

Please help move our work forward and ensure state arts agencies get the support they need in the year ahead by [donating today](#). **Thank you!**