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](https://www.nlc.org) and the [National Conference of State Legislatures](https://www.ncsl.org) to show how the arts boost community health, resilience and economic recovery.

### 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.

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!
**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.

**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!