

Here's our final bulletin of the year to keep you up to speed on federal arts policy, how NASAA can help you in your work, and what we've been up to. Get in touch with NASAA Communications Manager [Sue Struve](#) to be sure you don't miss the next issue!

Federal Arts Policy and the New Congress

The midterm elections resulted in narrow margins of split-party control of the U.S. House and Senate. This creates uncertainty about the dynamic between President Biden and Congress next year—tensions likely to affect all legislation, including for the arts. While the arts and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) have enjoyed strong bipartisan support in Congress in recent years, which we expect to continue, contention around federal spending will likely intensify. To equip both parties with the best information about the positive results of federal investment in the arts, NASAA is continuing our purposeful communication with members of Congress and is meeting with the new congressional leadership to cultivate their support for the arts. Monitor our [federal legislative updates](#) for the latest.

Benefits of Belonging to NASAA

You may already know about some of the benefits of being a NASAA member:

- NASAA [advocates](#) for state arts agencies on Capitol Hill, helping to preserve the [40% of NEA program funds](#) designated for state arts agencies.
- NASAA supports arts advocates' efforts with [tools](#) that help to ensure the arts are available to all.
- NASAA is your agency's resource for [data](#) on the value of state arts agencies.
- NASAA [connects](#) state arts agencies with one another to share knowledge, challenges and successes.

Arts and creativity strengthen our nation—and NASAA strengthens state arts agencies. Learn more about [how NASAA works for you](#).

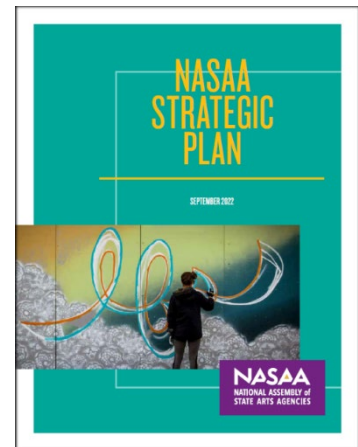


Supporting Each Other and Our Work

NASAA is committed to helping you be an effective and successful champion for the arts in your state! We rely on individual contributions to make that happen—the more support we have, the more we can do. [Please consider making a personal gift to NASAA](#) during **The Ripple Effect x2** matching gift campaign. Now until December 31, your gift to NASAA will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000, doubling your impact on our work to empower your agency—and all state arts agencies. Thank you!

A Fresh NASAA Plan

"NASAA takes pride in helping all state arts agencies to flourish, honoring their distinctiveness and their commonalities." This statement, found in the new [NASAA Strategic Plan](#), exemplifies the emphasis on members that is integral to our work. The new plan outlines our mission, values and goals and is transparent about planning methods and accountability. Our [Fiscal Year 2023 Action Plan](#) details how NASAA is helping members in key areas relevant to your current realities: advocacy, equity and resiliency. For details on NASAA activities on behalf of members in the past year, check out [NASAA's FY2022 accomplishments](#).



Enhancing Public Health

Arts and creativity improve Americans' health and well-being. They are one of the most effective treatments for trauma and anxiety, including among our nation's veterans. Arts and creativity reduce our susceptibility to stress-related diseases, help to forestall Alzheimer's and help to address the nation's opioid crisis. Scroll through our [Arts, Health and Community Well-being](#) resources and [infographic](#) to discover how state arts agencies are leveraging the arts to support positive outcomes in communities. NASAA's recent webinar, [Leveraging Partnerships in the Arts to Strengthen Public Health](#), offered examples of how artists collaborating with governments are meaningfully affecting health outcomes in communities. We were pleased to collaborate with the National League of Cities for this session.

Creative Programs Abound

[State to State](#) showcases state arts agency ingenuity. Recent features from around the nation include Georgia's More than Murals program, Nevada's Basin to Range Exchange, and Indiana's Arts and Culture Passport. New programs are added every month. [Subscribe to NASAA Notes](#) to have them delivered to your inbox!

NASAA Assembly 2022 Highlights

State arts agency commissioners and council members met in Kansas City, Missouri, in September for a long-awaited reunion!



- At the [Chairs and Council Members Peer Session](#), topics included advocacy, arts and health, post-pandemic strategies, and equity.
- [NASAA CEO Pam Breaux](#) shared her state arts agency story and described NASAA's priorities to serve members in the year ahead.
- Former Montana Arts Council Chair Cyndy Andrus received the [NASAA 2022 Distinguished Public Service Award](#) for her impact on public support for the arts.

Peruse [NASAA Assembly 2022 Proceedings](#) for additional conference resources—and [photos](#)!



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