Your gift makes such a difference—just look at these accomplishments from the past year! Support from individuals like you strengthens NASAA’s work and makes all this possible. A strong NASAA helps state arts agencies thrive—now and in the future. Thank you!

ADVOCACY

To position arts and creativity as a worthwhile and necessary use of public funds, NASAA:

- **Focused on cross-sector government partnerships**—working with the NEA and Mellon Foundation to identify new collaboration opportunities, and publishing the Arts in Transportation Strategy Sampler.

- **Equipped arts advocates with message frameworks** that resonate across the political spectrum and refreshed advocacy tools like The Practical Advocate: Communicating about Arts Controversies.

- **Mapped** public funding for the arts by both federal and state legislative districts—to help you show the return on investment of the arts.

- **Analyzed and reported on state legislation** affecting the arts—everything from the creative economy and public art to ongoing relief efforts for the creative sector.

"Amplifier," a mural featuring a portrait of artist Dave Loewenstein’s mother in Lucas, Kansas, encourages people to add their own voice to public conversations. Image © D. Loewenstein 2023
**EQUITY**

To reduce bias and barriers, NASAA:

- Launched [Strengthening State Arts Agency Relationships with Native Communities](#) to develop and deepen relationships with Indigenous artists, Native organizations and tribal governments.
- Led the [Equitable Grant-Making Assessment Initiative](#) in Illinois.
- Retooled the [Visualizing Equity in Grant Making](#) service suite, adding data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Social Vulnerability Index.

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**NASAA worked to advance equity internally:**

- Launched an [Equity Audit](#) engaging the staff, board and membership
- Completed a [board demographics survey](#) to gain deeper insight into the backgrounds of current leadership
- Did an [accessibility audit](#) of the NASAA website
- Tracked and reported [DEI activities and achievements](#)

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**RESILIENCY AND COMMUNITY**

Through NASAA, state arts agencies fostered resilience and learned from and with each other:

- NASAA supported [states and jurisdictions affected by disasters](#) and circulated best practices in emergency readiness, recovery and resilience.
- Answered hundreds of [information requests](#); provided customized technical assistance, research, analysis and training; and onboarded new executive directors.
- [NASAA's Learning Series](#) offered [FREE online learning](#) sessions on advocacy, creative aging, arts education, staff burnout, rural development and more.
- Expanded supportive affinity group offerings to include a [new series of virtual meetings for chairs and council members](#) to share information and foster connection.

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This is just a snapshot of NASAA’s fiscal year 2023 accomplishments. See our [2023 Action Plan Highlights](#) for a full list of all we achieved.

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