

NASAA Report to Councils is designed specifically for you as a state arts agency council or board member. Make it an agenda item at your next council meeting!

### State Arts Budgets Remain Strong in FY2024

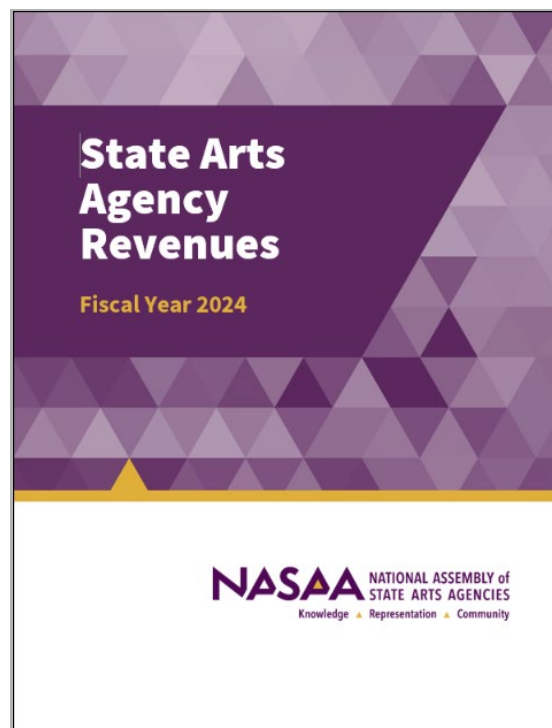
As COVID-19 pandemic relief funding wound down, aggregate appropriations to state and jurisdictional arts agencies (SAAs) remained strong. While a couple of states recorded loss of large nonrecurring funds from last year, appropriations increased for the majority of SAAs. Thirty-nine states reported increases for FY2024, with a median rise of 13%. To learn more about SAA funding sources, turn to NASAA's [Fiscal Year 2024 State Arts Agency Revenues](#) report. Our [press release](#) offers highlights, and our [interactive dashboards](#) make it easy to visualize regional comparisons, trends over time and more. [Contact NASAA](#) to explore how you can use the data in meetings with policymakers and others to support your case.

### Make Your Case with a Creative Caucus

Looking for a powerful tool for galvanizing support for the arts? Whether you call them creative caucuses, arts caucuses or cultural caucuses, these groups provide an opportunity for arts constituents and legislators to work together to move cultural policy forward. The latest in NASAA's The Practical Advocate series, [Creative Caucuses in State Legislatures](#) shares the ins and outs of how creative caucuses are formed, tips for engaging participants, overcoming potential challenges and more.

### Impactful State Arts Legislation in 2023

For a national view of recent state legislation related to arts and culture, check out our [2023 State Legislative Roundup](#). NASAA tracked 315 noteworthy arts and culture bills in 2023, 79 of which are highlighted in this report. Topics include the creative economy, public art, arts education, state arts agency structure and governance, COVID-19, and diversity, equity and inclusion. If you have questions about advocating for state arts funding, have a legislative challenge coming up or want a sounding board as you plan meetings with legislators, be sure to call on NASAA.



## The Power of Cross-Sector Collaboration

To foster collaborations between the arts and other sectors, NASAA served as a fiscal agent and partner for the groundbreaking [Healing, Bridging, Thriving: A Summit on Arts and Culture in Our Communities](#). Cohosted in January by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the White House Domestic Policy Council, the summit examined how arts and culture can contribute to community thriving and positive policy outcomes in other fields. NASAA President and CEO Pam Breaux



NASAA President and CEO Pam Breaux addresses attendees at the Healing, Bridging, Thriving Summit.

addressed nearly 3,500 in-person and online attendees that included state arts agency leaders as well as federal officials, philanthropists, policymakers, artists, advocates and academics. NASAA circulated three new policy papers that reinforce the value of [partnerships with arts and culture](#):

- [Arts + Health for Social Cohesion](#)
- [Arts + Transportation](#)
- [Arts + Infrastructure](#)

## Join Your Colleagues for NASAA Assembly 2024

Remember to mark your calendar for [NASAA Assembly 2024](#)! This year, we'll meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 23-26. Chairs and council members will gather as a peer group. Topical sessions on cross-sector partnerships, creative economy strategies, emergency readiness and more will enhance your knowledge as a state arts agency leader. And our host, the [Institute of Puerto Rican Culture](#), is eager to show you the island's vibrant arts scene. More details, including hotel and registration info, is coming soon!

## Connect with Peers

NASAA's next chair and council member virtual peer group session will be **April 3 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern**. Keep an eye out for more details via email—or [register now](#).



## Strengthen the Arts Together

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