

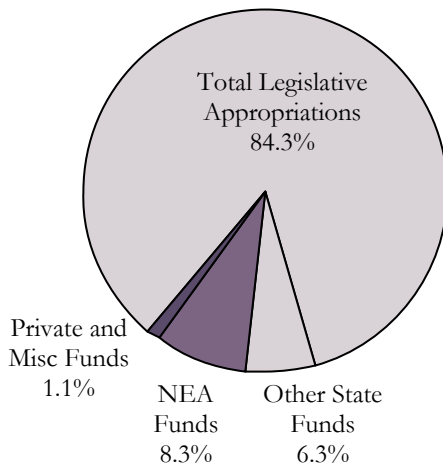
# STATE ARTS AGENCY FUNDING AND GRANT MAKING

Each of America's 50 states and six jurisdictions has a government agency that works to make the cultural, civic, economic and educational benefits of the arts available to all communities. Through services and grant making, state arts agencies increase citizen access to the arts and help each state to recognize, cultivate and promote its unique creative assets. State arts agencies are publicly-guided entities that engage citizen volunteers as council members, grant adjudication panelists and participants in agency planning and decision making.

## State Arts Agency Funding

State arts agencies will manage more than \$426 million in fiscal year 2008. The vast majority of this revenue comes from state general funds allocated to state arts agencies through annual or biennial appropriations from state legislatures. Other state funds

**State Arts Agency Revenue Sources**  
Fiscal Year 2008

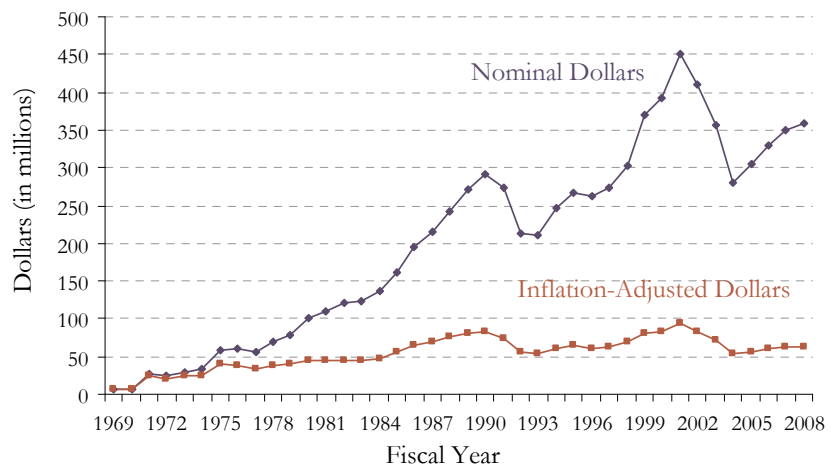


include inter-agency and Percent for Art transfers. Funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is another essential form of support for state arts agencies. By law, the NEA must allocate 40 percent of its annual program funds to states and regions, which use these funds to address local needs and broaden the reach of federal dollars across the nation. In addition to state and NEA funds, some state arts agencies receive funding from private sources or other federal programs.

Competing for public dollars is always challenging, but state arts agencies have proven successful in securing funds over time. Legislative appropriations have been a consistent base of support to all 56 state arts agencies for nearly four decades.

Changes in arts appropriations are primarily driven by the fiscal health of the states. When economic conditions are stable, appropriations to state arts agencies tend to increase, and when economic conditions are tight, appropriations tend to decline. In light of such fluctuations, ongoing public funding relies on an agency's ability to document the benefits of its work as well as advocacy that makes a convincing case for government arts support.

**State Arts Agency Total Legislative Appropriations**  
Fiscal Years 1969-2008



## State Arts Agency Grant Making

State arts agencies provide a wide array of citizen services, which include public information, partnership building, technical assistance, research and planning. Among the most important of these services is grant making. State arts agencies invest their funds through a variety of programs designed to foster:

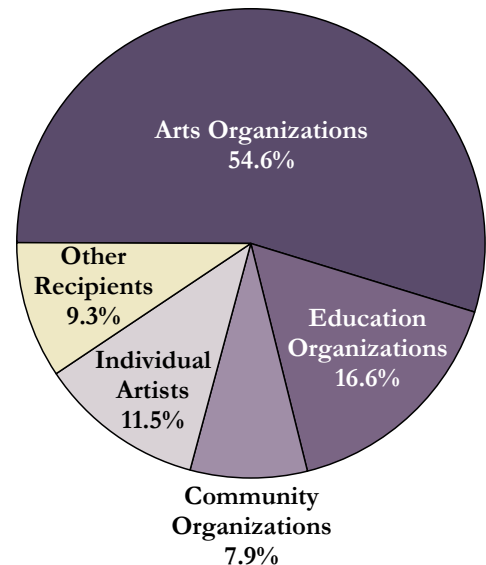
- **educational success**, by investing in arts education opportunities for students;
- **arts participation**, by supporting performances, exhibitions and lifelong learning programs;
- **accessibility**, by investing in programs that widen the availability of the arts, especially in rural areas and among underserved populations;
- **cultural infrastructure**, by investing in operating support for cultural organizations and by supporting the development of grassroots arts networks;
- **innovation**, by supporting individual artists and the development of new creative programs; and
- **artistic heritage**, by investing in the preservation of cultural traditions.

State arts agency grant requirements encourage local investment in the arts. Applicants match—and usually exceed—the funds granted by the state with funds from local government, the private sector, or earned income activities. Although state arts agency grants represent a modest portion of overall funding for the arts, they convey unique and essential public benefits. State arts agency policies encourage civic engagement, catalyze collaboration within and across sectors, ensure equitable access to funding opportunities, and comprehensively address the long-term needs of each state and jurisdiction in America.

### Total State Arts Agency Grant Awards Fiscal Year 2006

Number of Grants Awarded:	26,150
Arts Education Grants:	9,060
Operating Support Grants:	4,759
Individual Artist Grants:	3,010
Grant Dollars Awarded:	\$270,574,635
Number of Communities Funded:	5,451

### SAA Grant Awards By Recipient Type Fiscal Year 2006



## National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)

NASAA is the membership organization that unites, represents and serves the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies, providing knowledge services and leadership programs that help state arts agencies fulfill their many citizen service roles. NASAA also serves as a clearinghouse for data and research about public funding and the arts. This report draws on data from NASAA's biannual legislative appropriations surveys and from state arts agencies' annual final descriptive reports (FDRs) of grant-making activity submitted annually to the National Endowment for the Arts and NASAA. For more information on the work of state arts agencies, call 202.347.6352 or visit [www.nasaa-arts.org](http://www.nasaa-arts.org).

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**State Arts Agency Total Legislative Appropriations and Total Revenue**  
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State or Special Jurisdiction	Total Legislative Appropriation			Total Agency Revenue		
	Dollar Amount	Per Capita		Dollar Amount	Per Capita	
		Amount	Rank		Amount	Rank
Alabama	\$ 5,823,785	\$1.26	16	\$ 6,473,785	\$1.40	24
Alaska	600,800	0.88	26	1,311,000	1.92	14
Arizona	2,111,900	0.33	47	5,704,409	0.90	37
Arkansas	1,556,705	0.55	42	2,178,659	0.77	46
California	4,002,000	0.11	50	5,054,700	0.14	50
Colorado	1,531,336	0.31	48	4,482,043	0.92	36
Connecticut	9,879,823	2.82	3	18,240,065	5.21	2
Delaware	2,085,100	2.41	7	2,793,695	3.23	6
Florida	15,576,088	0.85	29	16,297,771	0.89	38
Georgia	4,188,942	0.44	44	4,873,542	0.51	48
Hawaii	7,661,020	5.97	1	8,876,920	6.92	1
Idaho	956,600	0.64	35	1,616,600	1.08	35
Illinois	15,205,400	1.18	19	16,075,665	1.25	29
Indiana	3,992,894	0.63	37	4,629,994	0.73	47
Iowa	1,246,392	0.42	45	2,657,232	0.89	39
Kansas	1,658,614	0.60	39	2,248,183	0.81	43
Kentucky	4,194,600	0.99	24	5,250,500	1.24	30
Louisiana	6,715,439	1.56	13	7,354,339	1.71	18
Maine	803,929	0.61	38	1,653,053	1.25	28
Maryland	15,190,356	2.70	4	16,434,156	2.93	7
Massachusetts	12,268,259	1.90	10	13,268,524	2.06	12
Michigan	7,488,400	0.74	33	8,187,245	0.81	42
Minnesota	10,215,000	1.97	8	11,029,000	2.12	11
Mississippi	1,856,259	0.64	36	4,201,259	1.44	22
Missouri	10,665,150	1.81	11	11,258,750	1.92	15
Montana	544,232	0.57	40	1,760,832	1.84	17
Nebraska	1,468,035	0.83	30	2,460,835	1.39	25
Nevada	2,225,122	0.87	28	2,887,774	1.13	34
New Hampshire	843,959	0.64	34	1,549,059	1.18	33
New Jersey	28,498,000	3.28	2	29,488,800	3.40	4
New Mexico	2,249,700	1.14	21	2,815,600	1.43	23
New York	51,793,000	2.68	5	52,578,200	2.72	8
North Carolina	9,990,083	1.10	22	10,738,383	1.19	31
North Dakota	584,523	0.91	25	1,209,023	1.89	16
Ohio	12,488,161	1.09	23	13,571,527	1.18	32
Oklahoma	5,150,967	1.42	14	5,936,852	1.64	19
Oregon	2,114,553	0.56	41	3,029,742	0.81	44
Pennsylvania	15,225,000	1.22	18	16,019,700	1.29	27
Rhode Island	2,777,644	2.63	6	4,363,245	4.12	3
South Carolina	5,445,287	1.24	17	6,406,500	1.45	21
South Dakota	635,992	0.80	32	1,264,192	1.59	20
Tennessee	7,261,800	1.18	20	8,212,200	1.33	26
Texas	4,216,461	0.18	49	5,378,387	0.22	49
Utah	4,341,700	1.64	12	5,099,000	1.93	13
Vermont	545,618	0.88	27	1,586,000	2.55	9
Virginia	6,182,750	0.80	31	6,835,353	0.89	40
Washington	2,578,000	0.40	46	5,349,042	0.83	41
West Virginia	2,572,036	1.42	15	3,876,936	2.14	10
Wisconsin	2,470,200	0.44	43	4,423,800	0.79	45
Wyoming	1,019,074	1.95	9	1,760,674	3.37	5
American Samoa	44,000	0.76	38	296,055	5.13	7
District of Columbia	9,380,000	15.94	1	12,887,300	21.91	1
Guam	355,318	2.05	12	595,818	3.43	9
Northern Marianas	242,468	2.87	6	484,568	5.73	5
Puerto Rico	28,299,000	7.18	2	30,616,000	7.77	3
Virgin Islands	598,000	5.51	4	868,000	8.00	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 359,615,474</b>	<b>\$1.18</b>		<b>\$ 426,500,486</b>	<b>\$1.39</b>	

Per Capita Amounts represent the total dollar figure for each variable divided by the total population. Total per capita dollar figures listed in the bottom row are based on the aggregate population for all 56 states and jurisdictions. States are ranked out of 50; jurisdictions are ranked out of 56.

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**State Arts Agency Grant-Making Data**  
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State or Special Jurisdiction	Total Grants Awarded		Communities Funded	Counties Funded
	Number	Dollars	Number	Number
Alabama	394	\$1,975,244	116	66
Alaska	133	\$617,696	37	18
Arizona	597	\$3,187,064	66	13
Arkansas	552	\$1,361,364	114	63
California	233	\$936,750	73	34
Colorado	142	\$1,043,599	53	39
Connecticut	596	\$9,634,921	132	8
Delaware	180	\$1,525,203	27	3
Florida	726	\$28,378,781	136	55
Georgia*	320	\$4,198,821	74	61
Hawaii	96	\$1,775,026	24	4
Idaho	182	\$655,464	44	24
Illinois	1,662	\$18,329,708	250	69
Indiana	251	\$3,818,609	66	47
Iowa	464	\$1,348,788	157	77
Kansas	380	\$1,574,711	98	66
Kentucky	461	\$2,985,260	129	82
Louisiana	163	\$4,454,238	33	24
Maine	87	\$364,629	49	14
Maryland	648	\$10,745,615	122	26
Massachusetts	889	\$8,392,972	338	14
Michigan	318	\$10,558,513	102	63
Minnesota	331	\$8,419,679	69	43
Mississippi	359	\$2,320,328	91	53
Missouri	404	\$2,557,649	102	63
Montana	191	\$821,267	49	32
Nebraska	368	\$2,046,298	62	50
Nevada	344	\$1,234,351	35	12
New Hampshire	172	\$659,088	82	10
New Jersey	280	\$22,638,898	106	21
New Mexico	160	\$1,496,850	44	27
New York	2,331	\$37,594,300	269	58
North Carolina	1,356	\$6,533,333	264	99
North Dakota	305	\$665,023	65	40
Ohio	577	\$8,777,274	131	66
Oklahoma	1,111	\$3,826,005	148	68
Oregon*	256	\$1,013,506	75	31
Pennsylvania	1,620	\$15,313,793	336	66
Rhode Island	285	\$1,880,416	43	5
South Carolina*	304	\$1,779,189	87	43
South Dakota	542	\$951,798	98	52
Tennessee	460	\$5,076,613	85	53
Texas	1,102	\$3,177,410	182	116
Utah	538	\$1,548,564	94	26
Vermont	189	\$679,556	88	13
Virginia	1,080	\$3,623,288	216	112
Washington	407	\$3,402,979	93	30
West Virginia	298	\$2,516,961	98	44
Wisconsin	315	\$2,350,043	77	47
Wyoming	257	\$500,673	55	23
American Samoa	13	\$143,000	1	N/A
District of Columbia	47	\$806,814	1	N/A
Guam	40	\$162,435	11	N/A
Northern Marianas	113	\$283,151	1	N/A
Puerto Rico	455	\$7,734,427	50	N/A
Virgin Islands*	66	\$176,700	3	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,150</b>	<b>\$270,574,635</b>	<b>5,451</b>	<b>2,173</b>

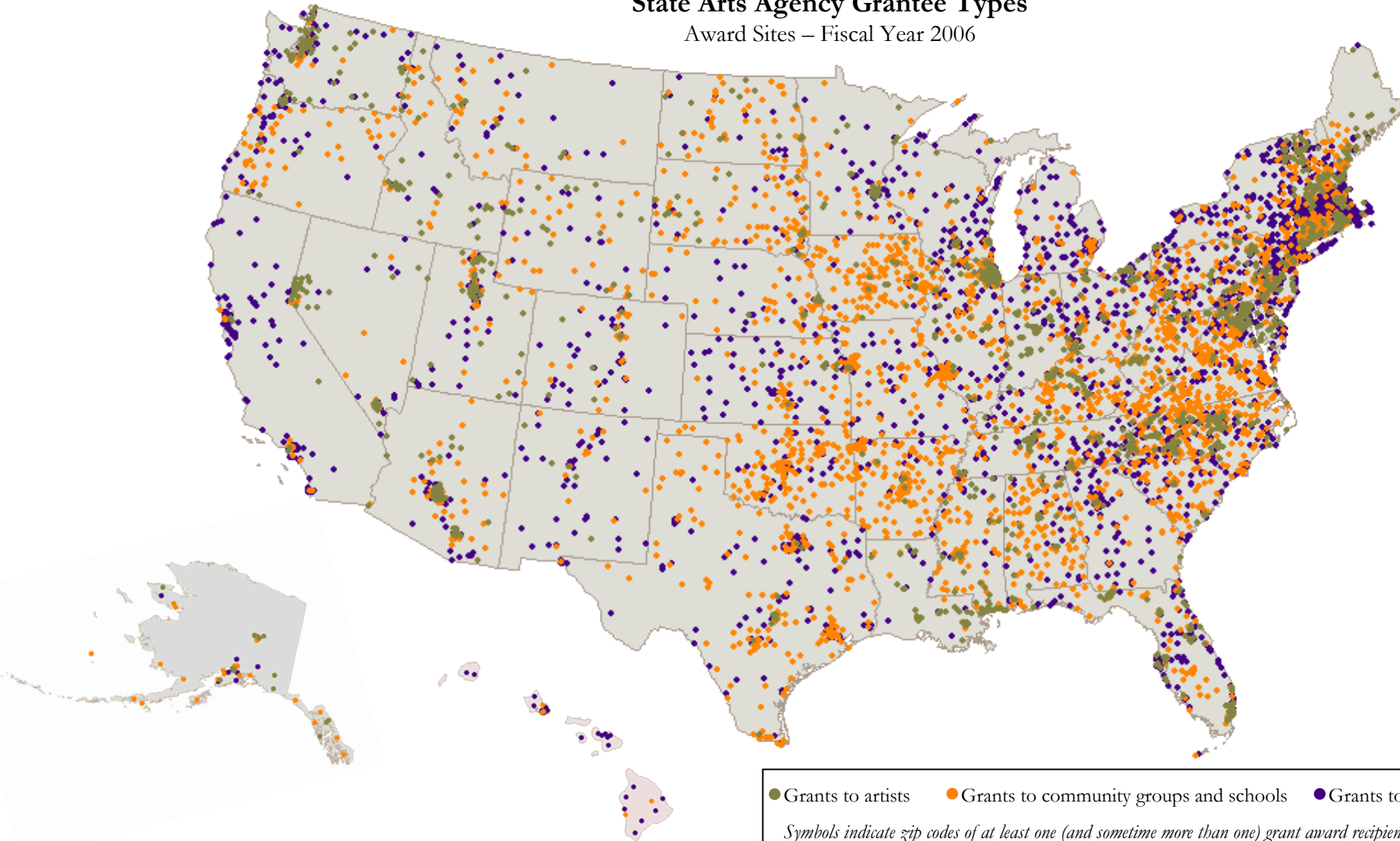
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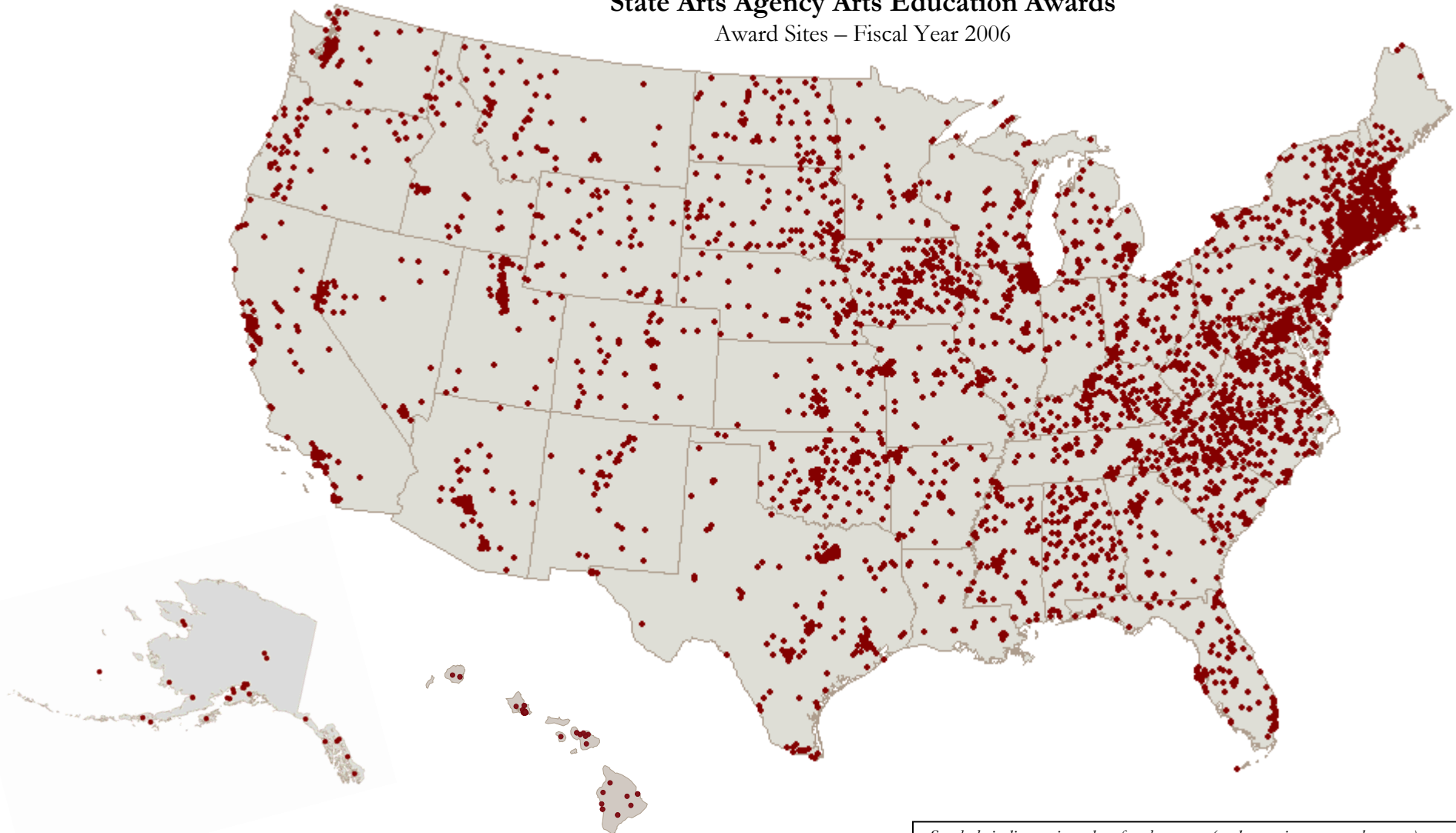
### State Arts Agency Grantee Types

Award Sites – Fiscal Year 2006



# State Arts Agency Arts Education Awards

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*Symbols indicate zip codes of at least one (and sometimes more than one) grant award recipient.*