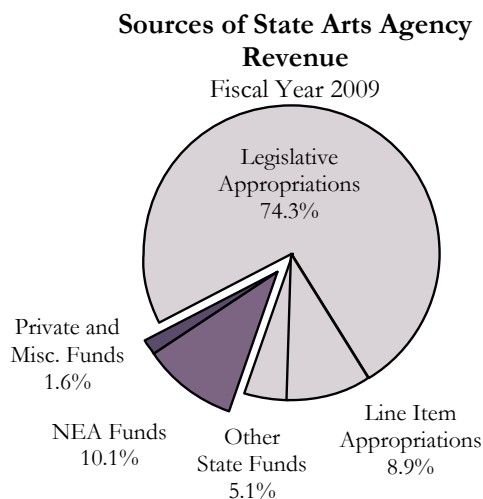


STATE ARTS AGENCY FUNDING AND GRANT MAKING

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 \$412 million in fiscal year 2009. 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 are often approved by state legislatures but are not a part of the agency's appropriation; these funds 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.¹

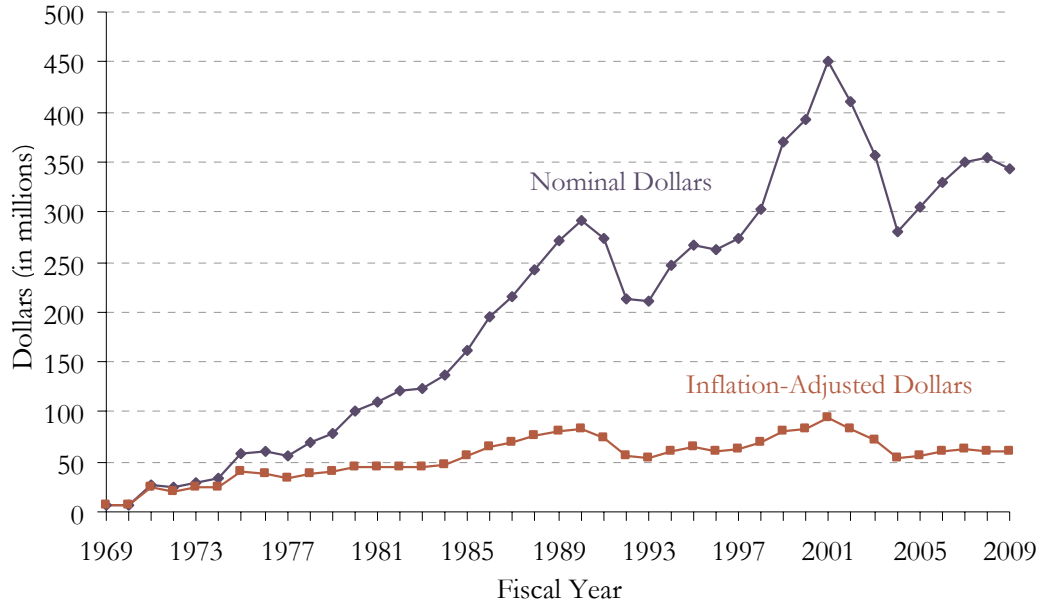
Competing for public dollars is always challenging, but state arts agencies have proven successful in securing funds over time. Legislative appropriations have been a consistent base of support to all 56 state arts agencies for four decades. State arts agency appropriations are made almost entirely from states' general fund spending, but constitute only a small fraction of states' aggregate expenditures. State general funds provided 82.6 percent of total state arts agencies' legislative appropriations, while states devoted only 0.044 percent of general fund expenditures to total SAA legislative appropriations.

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. 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.

¹ Note: Funds discussed here exclude funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

State Arts Agency Total Legislative Appropriations

Fiscal Years 1969-2009



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. Nearly 24,000 projects are funded in over 5,000 communities each year. State arts agencies invest their funds through a variety of programs designed to foster:

- **educational success**, by investing in arts education opportunities for students. More than a third of state arts agency grants have an arts education component;
- **arts participation**, by supporting over 7,000 performances, exhibitions and lifelong learning programs;
- **accessibility**, by investing over \$32 million 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. General operating support, one of the most flexible types of funding, accounts for a third of state arts agency grant dollars;
- **innovation**, by supporting individual artists and the development of new creative programs; and
- **artistic heritage**, by investing over \$7 million in the preservation of cultural traditions through project in the folk and traditional arts.

Total State Arts Agency Grant Awards Most Recent Fiscal Year

Number of Grants Awarded:	23,943
Arts Education Grants:	8,338
Operating Support Grants:	4,680
Individual Artist Grants:	2,668
Grant Dollars Awarded:	\$271,438,336
Number of Communities Funded:	5,088

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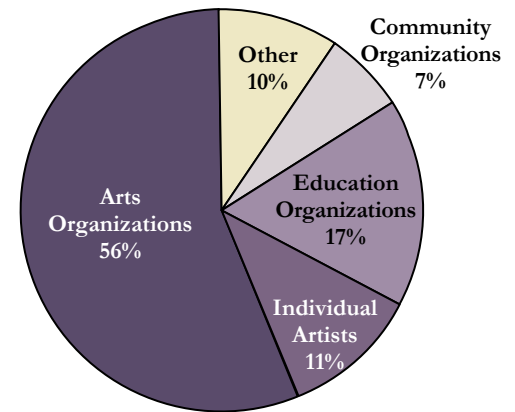
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State arts agency grant requirements encourage local investment in the arts. Applicants match—and usually exceed—the funds granted by the state with funds from local government, the private sector, or earned income activities. Although state arts agency 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.

SAA Grant Awards By Discipline
Most Recent Fiscal Year

Discipline	No. of Grants	Grant Dollars
Dance	1,418	\$15,311,292
Music	4,218	36,879,497
Opera/Musical Theatre	568	8,459,028
Theatre	3,181	30,090,045
Visual Arts	2,770	31,995,431
Design Arts	385	4,031,588
Crafts	491	3,094,163
Photography	276	1,430,541
Media Arts	853	12,314,039
Literature	1,128	5,383,277
Interdisciplinary	439	6,611,106
Folklife/Traditional Arts	1,485	7,077,121
Humanities	226	6,415,749
Multidisciplinary	5,743	93,186,354
Non-Arts/Non-Humanities	762	9,159,105

SAA Grant Awards By Recipient Type
Most Recent Fiscal Year



Other includes groups such as part and recreation, libraries, media groups and local government entities (non-arts)

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. Its mission is to strengthen state arts agencies by representing their individual and collective interests, empowering their work through knowledge and advancing the arts as an essential public benefit. NASAA serves as a clearinghouse for data and research about public funding and the arts, facilitating the transfer of ideas for members and partners.

This report draws on data from NASAA’s biannual legislative appropriations surveys and from state arts agencies’ 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, email nasaa@nasaa-arts.org or visit www.nasaa-arts.org.

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State Arts Agency Total Legislative Appropriations and Total Revenue
Fiscal Year 2009

State or Special Jurisdiction	Total Legislative Appropriations			Total Agency Revenue		
	Dollar	Per Capita	Rank	Dollar	Per Capita	Rank
	Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount	
Alabama	\$5,470,341	\$1.18	19	\$6,415,541	\$1.39	24
Alaska	668,400	0.98	22	1,535,600	2.25	12
Arizona	1,888,100	0.30	48	5,280,600	0.83	42
Arkansas	1,597,196	0.56	40	2,365,852	0.83	41
California	4,286,000	0.12	50	5,411,700	0.15	50
Colorado	1,600,034	0.33	47	3,567,550	0.73	46
Connecticut	9,441,926	2.70	2	10,279,926	2.94	6
Delaware	1,970,900	2.28	8	2,780,000	3.21	4
Florida	7,159,766	0.39	46	8,060,966	0.44	48
Georgia	3,780,623	0.40	44	4,553,523	0.48	47
Hawaii	6,595,690	5.14	1	8,149,274	6.35	1
Idaho	951,100	0.63	34	1,741,283	1.16	32
Illinois	15,958,900	1.24	18	16,994,650	1.32	25
Indiana	3,967,762	0.63	35	4,855,378	0.77	45
Iowa	1,260,842	0.42	43	2,893,782	0.97	35
Kansas	1,733,847	0.62	36	2,437,147	0.88	38
Kentucky	3,552,100	0.84	27	4,347,300	1.02	34
Louisiana	7,259,344	1.69	12	8,022,044	1.87	17
Maine	746,609	0.57	38	1,930,942	1.47	23
Maryland	14,183,074	2.52	5	15,485,245	2.76	7
Massachusetts	12,658,827	1.96	11	13,968,003	2.17	14
Michigan	7,567,200	0.75	30	8,451,100	0.84	39
Minnesota	10,227,000	1.97	10	11,048,550	2.13	15
Mississippi	1,906,859	0.65	33	3,429,000	1.17	31
Missouri	14,545,150	2.47	6	15,244,350	2.59	10
Montana	459,035	0.48	41	2,076,245	2.17	13
Nebraska	1,479,714	0.83	28	2,225,014	1.25	28
Nevada	1,691,450	0.66	32	2,470,769	0.96	36
New Hampshire	780,108	0.59	37	1,650,486	1.25	27
New Jersey	22,134,000	2.55	4	23,140,912	2.66	8
New Mexico	2,512,600	1.28	17	3,199,400	1.62	21
New York	49,810,350	2.58	3	50,698,150	2.63	9
North Carolina	10,685,307	1.18	20	11,578,907	1.28	26
North Dakota	584,523	0.91	25	1,318,723	2.06	16
Ohio	10,680,536	0.93	23	11,918,402	1.04	33
Oklahoma	5,150,967	1.42	14	6,050,352	1.67	20
Oregon	2,114,553	0.56	39	3,136,914	0.84	40
Pennsylvania	14,578,000	1.17	21	15,494,600	1.25	29
Rhode Island	2,094,845	1.98	9	3,275,298	3.10	5
South Carolina	4,069,928	0.92	24	5,308,615	1.20	30
South Dakota	643,509	0.81	29	1,415,209	1.78	18
Tennessee	8,084,200	1.31	16	9,193,900	1.49	22
Texas	3,687,908	0.15	49	4,663,608	0.20	49
Utah	3,657,000	1.38	15	4,524,900	1.71	19
Vermont	531,526	0.86	26	2,042,200	3.29	3
Virginia	5,262,774	0.68	31	6,016,874	0.78	44
Washington	2,554,500	0.39	45	6,039,218	0.93	37
West Virginia	2,794,674	1.54	13	4,208,174	2.32	11
Wisconsin	2,470,200	0.44	42	4,636,200	0.83	43
Wyoming	1,253,676	2.40	7	2,118,189	4.05	2
American Samoa	44,000	0.76	35	331,500	5.74	6
District of Columbia	13,226,696	22.48	1	16,852,796	28.65	1
Guam	332,035	1.94	16	613,335	3.59	8
Northern Marianas	242,468	2.94	5	525,768	6.38	4
Puerto Rico	27,930,000	7.08	2	35,631,650	9.04	2
Virgin Islands	598,000	5.51	3	906,600	8.35	3
Total	\$343,116,672	\$1.12		\$412,512,214	\$1.35	

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	Grantees Funded
	Number	Dollars	Number	Number	Number
Alabama	477	\$5,090,523	114	58	324
Alaska	203	673,036	49	22	181
Arizona	651	3,839,703	71	13	496
Arkansas	547	1,466,726	121	66	402
California	265	2,953,554	89	44	228
Colorado	336	1,899,062	89	49	293
Connecticut	488	3,295,534	120	8	394
Delaware	175	1,925,776	28	3	138
Florida	674	14,301,894	143	58	520
Georgia	328	4,248,377	75	61	236
Hawaii	100	1,819,060	27	4	71
Idaho	167	592,097	43	24	146
Illinois	1,464	13,748,807	217	65	1,180
Indiana	86	3,751,437	29	26	80
Iowa	407	1,071,212	147	76	375
Kansas	380	1,574,711	98	66	277
Kentucky	436	3,323,909	118	82	342
Louisiana	134	4,878,033	21	17	95
Maine	104	587,567	48	16	97
Maryland	621	14,212,544	129	25	533
Massachusetts	895	10,145,251	339	14	837
Michigan	301	6,493,983	98	58	254
Minnesota	337	9,659,784	72	42	281
Mississippi	281	1,139,422	91	56	250
Missouri	445	5,867,774	96	65	352
Montana	221	843,926	58	34	169
Nebraska	383	1,770,128	72	56	266
Nevada	375	1,308,817	40	15	289
New Hampshire	197	798,760	78	10	167
New Jersey	266	18,975,348	104	21	188
New Mexico	165	1,303,204	41	27	163
New York	2,592	49,825,100	287	58	1,405
North Carolina	439	7,387,069	130	101	314
North Dakota	369	689,848	68	40	231
Ohio	587	8,742,293	137	63	475
Oklahoma	581	4,449,448	122	65	389
Oregon	162	925,018	37	25	140
Pennsylvania	853	15,817,580	183	54	650
Rhode Island	245	1,857,824	34	5	191
South Carolina	351	2,062,488	85	43	266
South Dakota	530	964,954	99	55	273
Tennessee	562	5,893,277	91	53	366
Texas	984	4,011,710	160	102	581
Utah	552	1,961,552	102	26	457
Vermont	136	595,646	72	13	123
Virginia	1,178	6,408,846	209	117	770
Washington	453	3,774,997	97	31	365
West Virginia	298	2,516,961	98	44	200
Wisconsin	206	2,366,425	66	39	183
Wyoming	270	563,686	61	21	213
American Samoa	2	5,500	2	N/A	2
District of Columbia	81	1,427,018	1	N/A	72
Guam	38	144,835	12	N/A	37
Northern Marianas	172	238,060	3	N/A	165
Puerto Rico	272	4,785,866	42	N/A	232
Virgin Islands	121	462,376	3	N/A	120

Figures reported here represent data from 2008 or the most recently available final descriptive report.

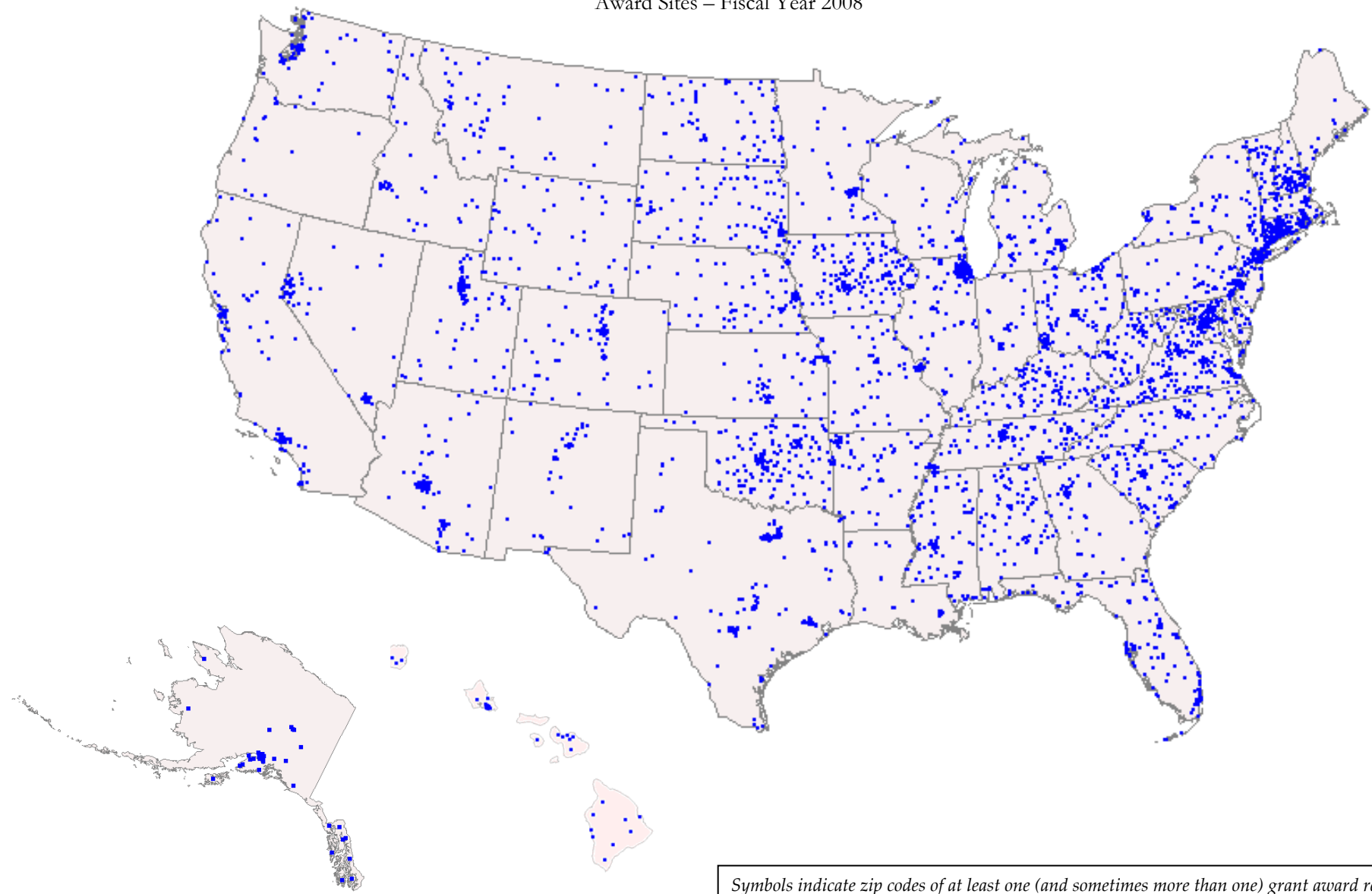
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State Arts Agency Arts Education Awards
Award Sites – Fiscal Year 2008



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

State Arts Agency Grantee Types
Award Sites – Fiscal Year 2008

