

STATE ARTS AGENCY GRANT MAKING AND FUNDING

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 (SAAs) 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 Grant Making

State arts agencies provide a wide array of citizen services, including public information, partnership building, technical assistance, and research and planning. Among the most important of these services is grant making: more than 22,000 projects are funded in nearly 4,800 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. Almost half of state arts agency grants have an arts education component;
- **arts participation**, by supporting nearly 7,000 performances, exhibitions and lifelong learning programs;
- **accessibility**, by investing more than \$37 million in programs that widen the availability of the arts, especially in rural areas and among underserved populations;
- **cultural infrastructure**, by investing in arts organizations, both established and emerging, through general operating support, professional development, stabilization funding, and networking support. General operating support is one of the most flexible types of funding and accounts for nearly one-third of state arts agency grant dollars;
- **innovation**, by supporting individual artists and the development of new creative works; and
- **artistic heritage**, by investing almost \$7 million in the preservation of cultural traditions through projects in the folk and traditional arts.

Number of Grants Awarded	22,305
Arts Education Grants	9,274
Operating Support Grants	5,017
Grants to Local Arts Agencies	1,673
Individual Artist Grants	2,377
Grant Dollars Awarded	\$238,835,453
Number of Communities Funded	4,775

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.

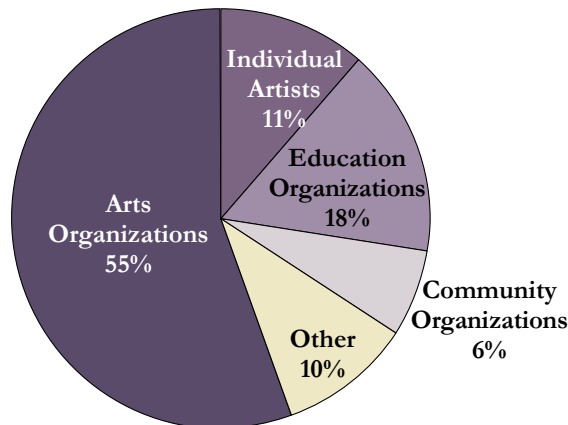
SAA Grant Awards by Discipline

Fiscal Year 2011

Discipline	No. of Grants	Grant Dollars
Crafts	331	\$ 2,062,830
Dance	1,290	12,229,164
Design Arts	201	1,963,607
Folklife/Traditional Arts	1,216	6,612,423
Humanities	193	5,403,152
Interdisciplinary	455	7,520,325
Literature	1,038	6,214,129
Media Arts	688	9,138,647
Multidisciplinary	5,932	89,285,900
Music	4,270	32,375,496
Opera/Musical Theatre	479	6,092,597
Photography	215	974,061
Theatre	2,888	26,373,581
Visual Arts	2,581	26,444,598
Non-Arts/Non-Humanities	528	6,144,943

SAA Grant Awards by Recipient Type

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

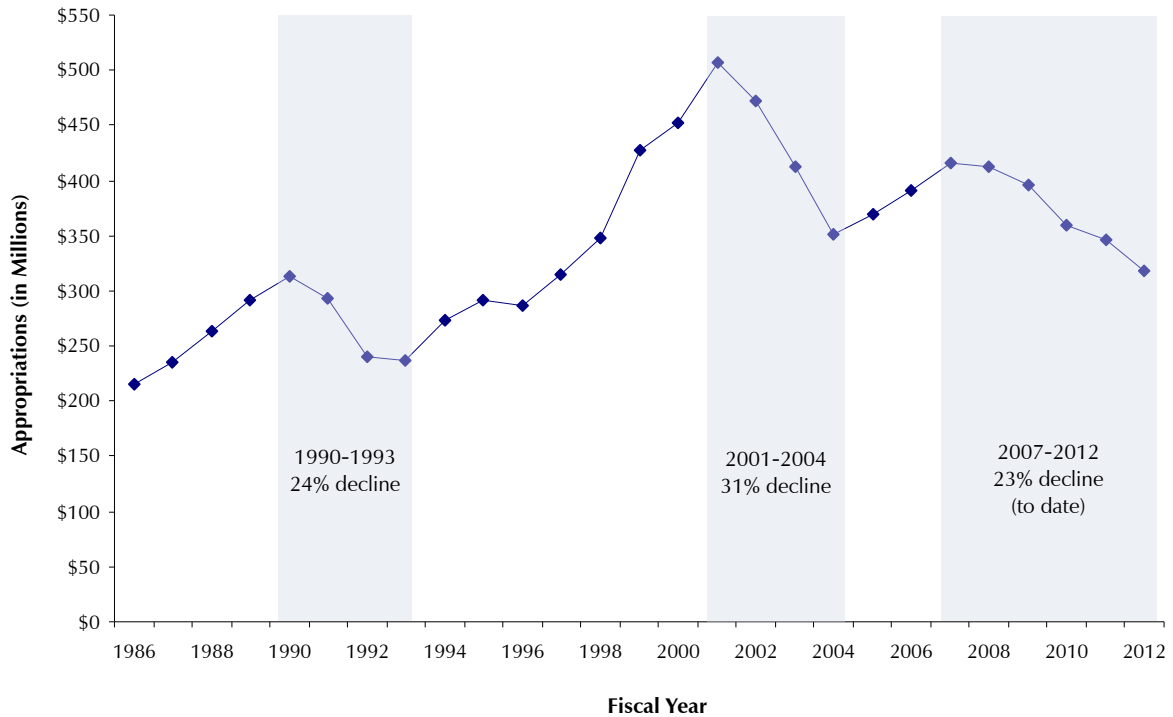
State Arts Agency Funding

State arts agency grant-making activities are dependent on agency revenues. Several funding sources contribute to SAA revenue, with the largest being state funds. States allocate these funds through three common mechanisms: legislative appropriations to SAAs, line items passing through SAA budgets and transfers to SAAs from other state funds. Combined, these mechanisms funded 85.1% of total state arts agency revenue in fiscal year 2012. Other funding for SAAs comes from the National Endowment for the Arts; foundation, corporate and individual support; and other federal grants. Total state arts agency revenue amounted to \$318.4 million in FY2012, an 8.0% decrease from the \$345.9 million secured in FY2011

The sluggish rebound from the 2007-2009 recession has meant a slow rebound for state budgets. The costs of health care, education and other state services are expected to outpace revenue growth, meaning that states will be facing budget issues

for the foreseeable future. Fluctuations in federal funding are an additional budget factor for states; there is less federal aid available as funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have wound down and federal discretionary spending is reduced.

Total State Arts Agency Revenue
Fiscal Years 1986-2012



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. Grant figures reported here represent data from fiscal year 2011, or the most recent available. For more information on the work of state arts agencies, call 202-347-6352, e-mail nasaa@nasaa-arts.org or visit www.nasaa-arts.org.

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State Arts Agency Grant-Making Data
Fiscal Year 2011

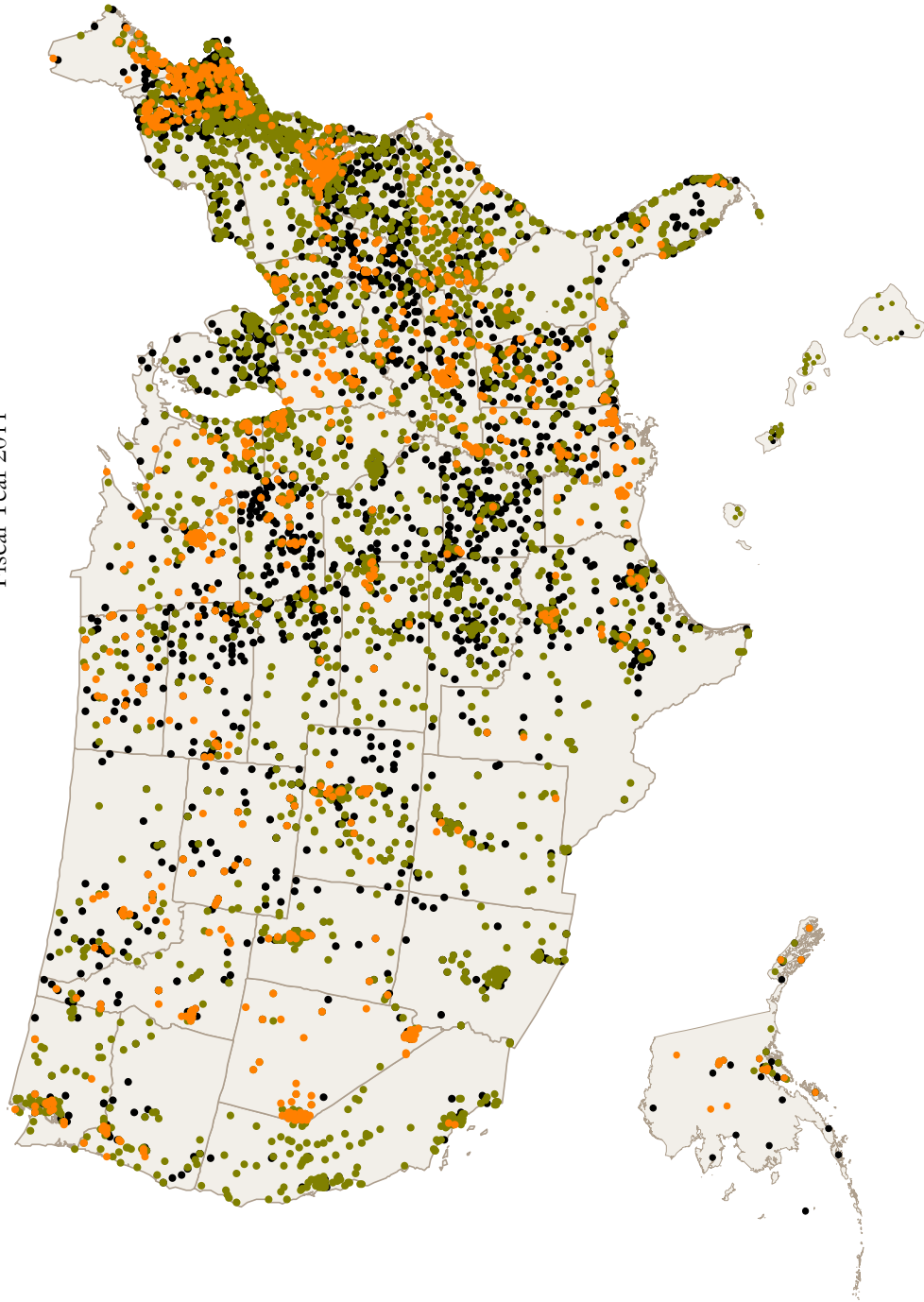
State or Jurisdiction	Total Grants Awarded		Communities Funded	Grantees Funded
	Number	Dollars	Number	Number
Alabama	423	\$3,813,244	117	302
Alaska	196	991,010	50	180
Arizona	307	1,783,939	52	304
Arkansas	567	1,638,906	129	388
California	366	3,574,133	107	290
Colorado	288	1,461,557	92	283
Connecticut	533	3,884,461	121	360
Delaware	173	1,765,929	31	141
Florida	340	3,022,154	104	303
Georgia	222	2,877,851	58	171
Hawaii	101	1,534,529	26	74
Idaho	156	616,014	45	137
Illinois	847	8,627,519	141	770
Indiana	115	2,756,658	46	114
Iowa	325	1,075,898	120	304
Kansas	290	1,327,787	85	238
Kentucky	247	2,143,757	75	189
Louisiana	144	4,088,000	27	105
Maine	167	723,063	67	131
Maryland	683	13,046,651	146	579
Massachusetts	1,649	8,078,225	345	1,552
Michigan	345	2,349,673	128	298
Minnesota	556	24,411,926	89	459
Mississippi	298	1,962,141	88	257
Missouri	546	6,810,458	103	421
Montana	233	1,207,699	54	189
Nebraska	357	1,581,303	72	279
Nevada	401	852,199	41	311
New Hampshire	170	795,328	84	152
New Jersey	237	14,244,290	92	175
New Mexico	181	1,346,915	45	175
New York	2,183	36,686,258	265	1,348
North Carolina	410	7,402,243	129	306
North Dakota	364	1,074,891	74	251
Ohio	587	5,101,672	137	461
Oklahoma	561	4,045,558	99	311
Oregon	251	2,727,437	47	200
Pennsylvania	393	10,546,730	90	323
Rhode Island	396	1,746,895	49	322
South Carolina	333	2,022,406	76	264
South Dakota	523	1,191,487	97	265
Tennessee	575	6,341,754	101	408
Texas	1,235	6,625,987	189	669
Utah	227	1,433,818	54	189
Vermont	211	785,128	98	198
Virginia	718	4,022,216	183	549
Washington	277	3,104,695	80	231
West Virginia	298	2,318,309	98	204
Wisconsin	290	2,553,657	95	276
Wyoming	310	870,089	51	219
American Samoa	6	127,000	2	6
District of Columbia	98	1,182,213	2	82
Guam	33	599,385	11	33
Northern Marianas	120	133,332	3	112
Puerto Rico	294	11,098,715	42	236
Virgin Islands	149	700,361	5	144

Figures reported here represent data from fiscal year 2011, or the most recent available.

Statistics reflect only grants awarded by the state arts agency. They do not reflect direct agency programs, which in some instances make up a substantial portion of agency activities.

State Arts Agency Grant Awards by Recipient Type

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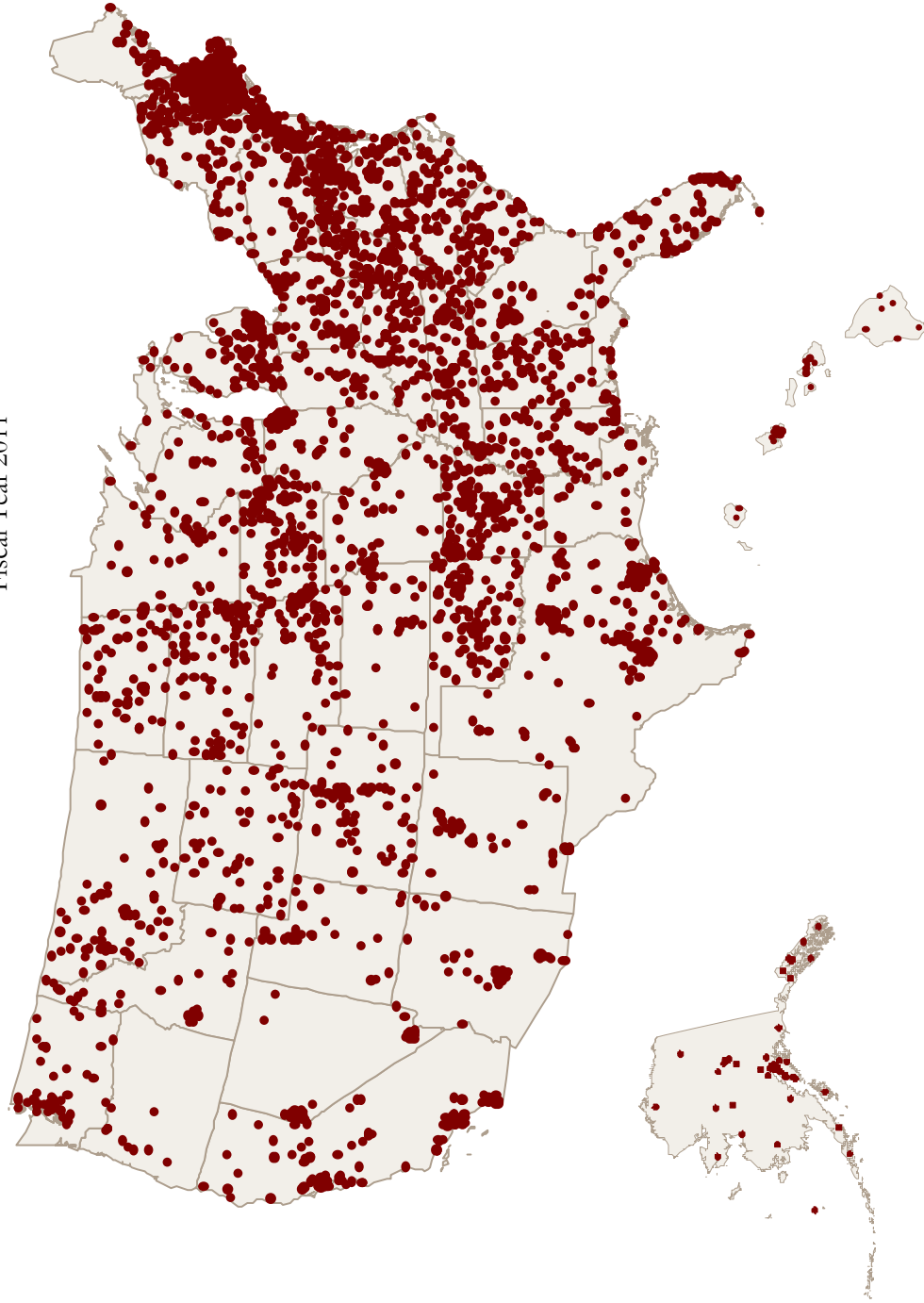


- Grants to arts organizations
- Grants to artists
- Grants to community groups, schools and other groups

Symbols indicate ZIP codes of at least one grant award recipient.

State Arts Agency Arts Education Awards

Fiscal Year 2011



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