

# National Assembly of State Arts Agencies

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## National Endowment for the Arts Fact Sheet

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### NEA Appropriations

- The NEA's \$146 million budget represents just **0.012%** (about one one-hundredth of one percent) of federal discretionary spending.
- The NEA has already sustained significant budget reductions. The NEA appropriation is **14% lower** than it was in 2010, a decline of **\$21.5 million**.
- Each **\$1** in NEA grant funds leverages another **\$9** from other public and private sources.

### Everyone Benefits

- The NEA has an exemplary partnership with states. Forty percent of all NEA program funds—approximately \$46 million in fiscal year 2014—are distributed through state arts agencies. In combination with approximately \$307 million in state appropriations, **the federal-state partnership supports more than 23,000 grants in 5,000 communities across the United States**. Voters in every congressional district are stakeholders in sustaining this successful partnership.
- Combined, NEA and state arts agency grant awards reached **all 435 federal congressional districts** in 2013.
- NEA funding made possible approximately 70,000 concerts, readings and performances and 1,600 exhibitions in 2013. More than **38 million individuals** attended such live events (exclusive of television and radio), including **7 million children and youth**.
- **The arts reach rural areas**. States use NEA and state legislative funds together to address the unique needs of rural areas. Twenty-six percent of state arts agency grants go to rural communities. Even larger proportions of grants and grant dollars go to rural areas in states with larger rural populations.

### Impact of the Arts

- **The arts are positive investment**. The Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that arts and cultural production contributes more than **\$698 billion to the U.S. economy**. This equates to 4.3% of GDP, which is greater than construction (\$586.7 billion) or transportation and warehousing (\$464.1 billion).
- **The arts create jobs**. Arts and culture support 4.7 million workers. For every 100 jobs created from new demand for the arts, 62 additional jobs are created.
- **The arts strengthen education**. [Research confirms](#) that the arts cultivate young imaginations and facilitate success in school, enhancing students' academic achievement in multiple subject areas. The arts provide the critical thinking, communications and innovation skills essential to a productive 21st-century workforce.

## NEA Funding to New Hampshire: What's at Stake

- In its 2013 fiscal year, the NEA provided \$658,600 in Partnership Agreement funds to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts (NHSCA). These are critical funds, used in conjunction with state legislative dollars to support grants and services across the entire state of New Hampshire.
- NHSCA uses NEA and state funds to provide about 94 grants to arts organizations, community groups, schools and artists each year. These grants support access to the arts, employment, arts education, community well-being and the cultural heritage of the entire state.
- Also affected by NEA budget cuts would be direct grants to arts organizations in each state. In FY2013, the NEA made three direct grants totaling \$95,000 in New Hampshire.

## National Endowment for the Arts and New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Grants

◆ NEA direct grant

◆ NHSCA grant

*Symbols indicate ZIP codes of at least one grant award recipient. In densely populated areas, one symbol may indicate multiple awards.*

*Grant location data reflect current final reports from the NEA (2013) and NHSCA (2013).*

*Geographic boundaries represent U.S. congressional districts for the 113th U.S. Congress.*

