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## State Arts Funding Grows in FY 2008

WASHINGTON, DC—Legislative appropriations to state arts agencies increased in fiscal year 2008, according to a study published by the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA). Between fiscal years 2007 and 2008, state arts agencies gained \$9.5 million in state funds, an increase of 2.7 percent. Total legislative appropriations to state arts agencies currently stand at \$359.6 million, or \$1.18 per capita.

Fiscal year 2008 marks the fourth consecutive year of gains for the arts following three years of sharp declines during the recession. More states experienced increases in fiscal year 2008 than in any of the previous five years. Forty-five state arts agencies report appropriations growth in 2008, with a median increase of 8.9 percent. Three states reported declines, which were significant in Florida and Illinois. Excluding these two states, total appropriations among all other state arts agencies increased by 13.6 percent.

State legislatures have increased arts funding by more than \$55 million during the last three years. Jonathan Katz, NASAA CEO, says, "State arts agency appropriations comprise a very modest portion of all state spending – just 0.047 percent. Yet this investment makes significant contributions to the well-being of communities across America." Katz adds, "The arts are an indispensable asset in a policy portfolio designed to address successfully the educational, cultural, economic and civic challenges that every state faces."

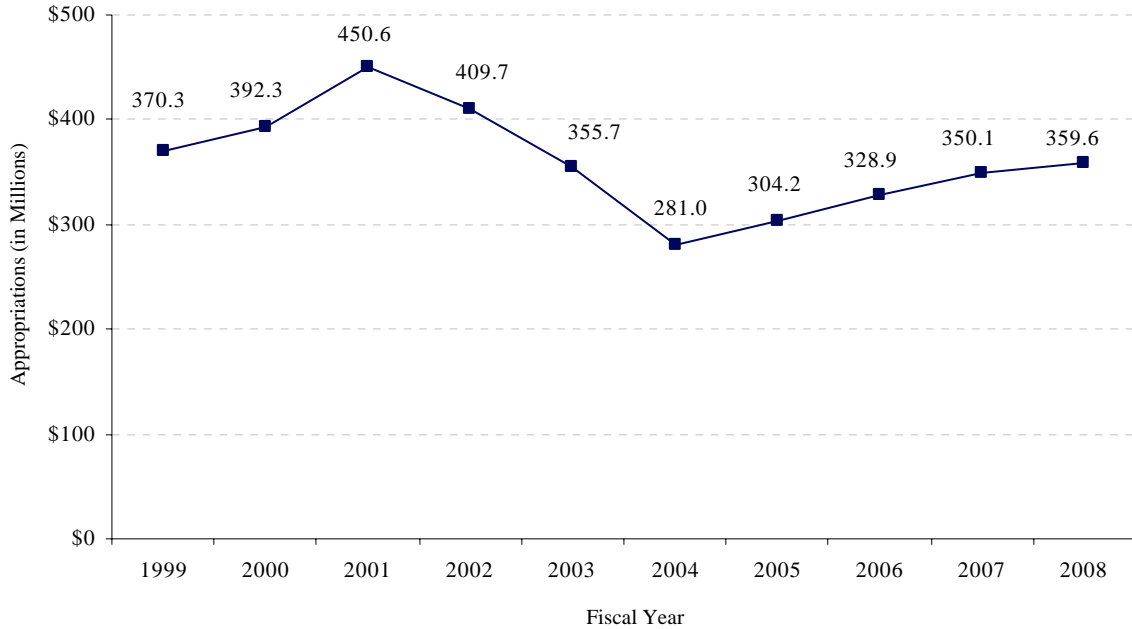
### State Arts Agency Facts

- States currently invest \$359.6 million—about \$1.18 per capita—in state arts agencies.
- State arts agency appropriations comprise 0.047 percent (less than one tenth of one percent) of total state general fund expenditures in fiscal year 2008.
- Each year, state arts agencies fund approximately 19,000 organizations, schools and artists in more than 5,400 communities across the United States.

Historically, legislative funding for state arts agencies correlates closely with the overall health of state finances. While states' fiscal conditions were favorable in fiscal year 2007, revenue growth slowed in 2008. Reflecting on the current home mortgage crisis and anticipated structural shortfalls, many fiscal analysts anticipate that state budgets will exhibit further signs of stress in the future. This may constrain state spending across the board, underscoring the need for ongoing arts advocacy.

The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) is the membership organization of the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies. The public sector plays a unique and essential role in ensuring that the benefits of the arts accrue to all American communities. State arts agencies broaden citizen access to the arts in every corner of the country, making the cultural, civic, educational and economic benefits of the arts an essential ingredient of state policy and practice. For information on state arts agencies or NASAA, visit [www.nasaa-arts.org](http://www.nasaa-arts.org) or write to 1029 Vermont Avenue NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20005, [nasaa@nasaa-arts.org](mailto:nasaa@nasaa-arts.org).

## Total State Arts Agency Legislative Appropriations Fiscal Years 1999-2008



## Total State Arts Agency Legislative Appropriations Changes Fiscal Years 2007-2008

<b>Increases</b>	
Number of SAAs	45
Number of SAAs up 10% or more	21
Median percent change	8.9%
<b>Flat Funding</b>	
Number of SAAs	8
<b>Decreases</b>	
Number of SAAs	3
Number of SAAs down 10% or more	2
Median percent change	-23.2%
<b>All States</b>	
Aggregate percent change	2.7%
Median percent change	7.0%

Flat funding includes changes of less than 1% in magnitude. Two SAAs that did not submit budget information were assumed to have flat funding.

Source: National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, *Legislative Appropriations Annual Survey*, February 2008.

## Total State Arts Agency Legislative Appropriations Fiscal Years 2007-2008

State or Special Jurisdiction	Legislative Appropriation Including Line Items		Percent Change FY07 to FY08
	FY2007	FY2008	
Alabama	\$ 4,878,778	\$ 5,823,785	19.4%
Alaska	601,300	600,800	-0.1%
American Samoa+	44,000	44,000	0.0%
Arizona•	1,888,100	2,111,900	11.9%
Arkansas	1,523,754	1,556,705	2.2%
California	4,024,000	4,002,000	-0.5%
Colorado	1,500,000	1,531,336	2.1%
<sup>1</sup> Connecticut	7,362,302	9,879,823	34.2%
Delaware	2,062,800	2,085,100	1.1%
District of Columbia	9,368,420	9,380,000	0.1%
<sup>2</sup> Florida	40,934,727	15,576,088	-61.9%
Georgia	4,135,459	4,188,942	1.3%
Guam	333,259	355,318	6.6%
Hawaii	7,089,085	7,661,020	8.1%
Idaho	899,300	956,600	6.4%
<sup>3</sup> Illinois	19,799,300	15,205,400	-23.2%
<sup>4</sup> Indiana	3,632,224	3,992,894	9.9%
Iowa•	1,212,611	1,246,392	2.8%
Kansas	1,561,118	1,658,614	6.2%
Kentucky	4,203,200	4,194,600	-0.2%
Louisiana	4,968,272	6,715,439	35.2%
Maine	757,461	803,929	6.1%
Maryland	14,350,605	15,190,356	5.9%
<sup>5</sup> Massachusetts	12,121,107	12,268,259	1.2%
<sup>6</sup> Michigan	6,508,400	7,488,400	15.1%
Minnesota	8,593,000	10,215,000	18.9%
Mississippi	1,826,205	1,856,259	1.6%
<sup>7</sup> Missouri	4,845,150	10,665,150	120.1%
<sup>8</sup> Montana•	396,315	544,232	37.3%
Nebraska	1,350,741	1,468,035	8.7%
<sup>9</sup> Nevada	1,541,288	2,225,122	44.4%
New Hampshire	739,634	843,959	14.1%
<sup>10</sup> New Jersey	24,312,000	28,498,000	17.2%
<sup>11</sup> New Mexico	1,846,200	2,249,700	21.9%
New York	45,232,000	51,793,000	14.5%
North Carolina	8,540,979	9,990,083	17.0%
<sup>12</sup> North Dakota	499,846	584,523	16.9%
Northern Marianas+	242,468	242,468	0.0%
Ohio	11,238,161	12,488,161	11.1%
Oklahoma	4,442,810	5,150,967	15.9%
<sup>13</sup> Oregon•	714,025	2,114,553	196.1%
Pennsylvania	15,225,000	15,225,000	0.0%
Puerto Rico	26,365,000	28,299,000	7.3%
Rhode Island	2,688,665	2,777,644	3.3%
<sup>14</sup> South Carolina	5,409,120	5,445,287	0.7%
South Dakota	609,572	635,992	4.3%
Tennessee	6,714,550	7,261,800	8.2%
Texas	3,917,160	4,216,461	7.6%
<sup>15</sup> Utah	3,028,200	4,341,700	43.4%
Vermont	569,618	545,618	-4.2%
Virgin Islands	583,158	598,000	2.5%
Virginia	4,873,428	6,182,750	26.9%
Washington	2,367,580	2,578,000	8.9%
West Virginia	2,423,718	2,572,036	6.1%
Wisconsin	2,420,100	2,470,200	2.1%
Wyoming	807,173	1,019,074	26.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 350,122,446</b>	<b>\$ 359,615,474</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

### Table Footnotes

- Figures reflect SAA revenue only and do not include appropriations to the state's cultural endowment principal.
- + State or jurisdiction did not provide FY08 appropriation information. Flat funding is assumed until new budgets are determined.
- <sup>1</sup> Connecticut  
Increase includes arts portion of a significant appropriation increase for arts, culture and tourism grants.
- <sup>2</sup> Florida  
Lower than anticipated state revenues forced significant cuts in many state services.
- <sup>3</sup> Illinois  
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- <sup>4</sup> Indiana  
Appropriation is subject to a 7% statewide rescission.
- <sup>5</sup> Massachusetts  
Figures reflect SAA budget only and do not include appropriation of \$12 million to the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. Although the money does not go through the agency budget, the SAA will manage the grant process and provide technical assistance.
- <sup>6</sup> Michigan  
During FY07 the SAA's appropriation was cut by nearly \$4 million. FY08 budget reflects a partial restoration of agency funding.
- <sup>7</sup> Missouri  
Appropriations include \$2 million to be deposited into the state cultural trust (not used for agency programs or operations).
- <sup>8</sup> Montana  
Increase largely due to one-time appropriations for technology upgrade and agency relocation.
- <sup>9</sup> Nevada  
Increase largely due to one-time appropriation for the FY08-FY09 biennium to support SAA grantees and programs.
- <sup>10</sup> New Jersey  
Increase reflects partial restoration of funds after a \$5.5 million appropriation cut in FY07.
- <sup>11</sup> New Mexico  
Increase due to both a significant increase in line items and to additional funds for a special initiative.
- <sup>12</sup> North Dakota  
Increase reflects additional funds secured for salaries and for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration.
- <sup>13</sup> Oregon  
Increase reflects new funds for Creative Oregon's CHAMP (Cultural, Heritage, Arts, Movies and Preservation) package, as well as funds to administer the cultural trust.
- <sup>14</sup> South Carolina  
Increase due to significant increase in line items. Base appropriation changes include the conclusion of limited-time funding enhancements.
- <sup>15</sup> Utah  
Majority of increase due to significant increase in line items. Base appropriation increased by 1.8 percent.

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