

# The National Endowment for the Arts

# FUNDING THE ARTS

Every congressional district—large and small, urban and rural—benefits from National Endowment for the Arts grants. Arts Endowment funding supports thousands of organizations, performances, and activities that provide opportunities for Americans to live artful lives.

## GRANTS

# 158,400

grants awarded by the NEA since its inception in 1965

# 1:1 MATCH

with direct grants

# \$5.6 B

in support of arts in America

Arts Endowment grant awards require a dollar-to-dollar match, ensuring that NEA funds help to leverage many more public and private investments in the arts."

## GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

### Each year, the National Endowment for the Arts awards more than 2,000 grants to organizations for arts projects totaling around \$57 million.

Includes Grants for Arts Projects, Art Works, Challenge America, Our Town, and Research grants.

### SIZE OF GRANTS

- 27% - \$10,000 or less
- 44% - \$10,000 - \$30,000
- 29% - \$30,000+

MORE THAN

# 60%

OF GRANTS TO GO SMALL AND MEDIUM ORGS

(up to \$2M in prior year expenditures).

## WHO BENEFITS FROM ARTS ENDOWMENT GRANTS?

### UNDERSERVED AUDIENCES

35% of Arts Endowment grants reach low-income audiences or under-served populations, such as people with disabilities, people in institutions, and veterans.

35% of Arts Endowment grants take place in high-poverty neighborhoods.

### GENERAL AUDIENCES

### WHERE DO THE ARTS ENDOWMENT'S GRANTS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES?

- 11% Non-metropolitan areas
- 89% Metropolitan areas
  - 7% Metros <250 K people
  - 14% Metros 250 K - <1 M people
  - 25% Metros 1 M - <4.6 M people
  - 42% Metros >4.6 M people

By advancing equitable opportunities for arts participation and practice, the National Endowment for the Arts fosters and sustains an environment in which the arts benefit everyone in the United States.

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