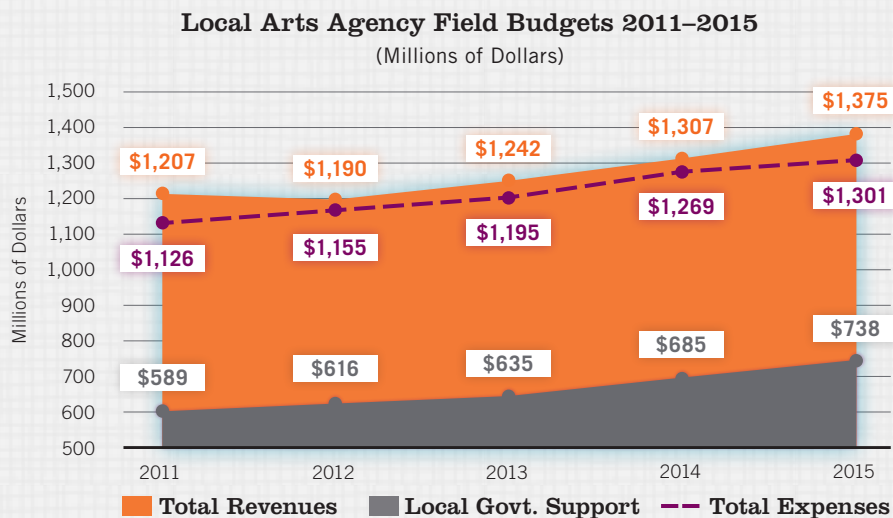


LOCAL ARTS AGENCIES IN AMERICA: 2016

Americans are more engaged in the arts now than ever. The reason? The remarkable growth and impact of our nation's 4,500 local arts agencies—nonprofit organizations and municipal agencies ensuring the arts have a vital presence in communities.



Local arts agencies (LAAs) provide programs, services, and funding to strengthen their local arts industries and make the arts accessible to all. Each LAA is unique to its community, so no two are exactly alike. What they share is the goal of enabling diverse forms of arts and culture to thrive, ensuring accessibility and stronger communities through the arts. Since 1960, the number of LAAs has grown from 400 to 4,500. LAAs are now found in every state and serve populations that range from small rural to large urban.

LOCAL ARTS AGENCIES BY THE NUMBERS

- 67 percent had **LEVEL OR INCREASED BUDGETS** between 2014 and 2015.
- 78 percent provide **PROGRAMMING** like public art, hands-on arts centers, and festivals.
- 92 percent **COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**; 76 percent have three or more ongoing collaborations.
- 89 percent deliver **ARTS EDUCATION** programs and services in the schools and community.
- 53 percent provide **GRANTS** to artists and/or arts organizations.
- 28 percent have done **CULTURAL PLANS**, assessing the cultural needs of the community and mapping an implementation plan.
- 59 percent manage **CULTURAL FACILITIES**, including performance and exhibition spaces and arts incubators.