

YOUR FEDERAL ARTS AGENCY

The NEA is the only arts funder in America—public or private—that supports the arts in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Through its grant-making to thousands of nonprofits each year, the NEA supports opportunities for people in communities across America to experience the arts and exercise their creativity.

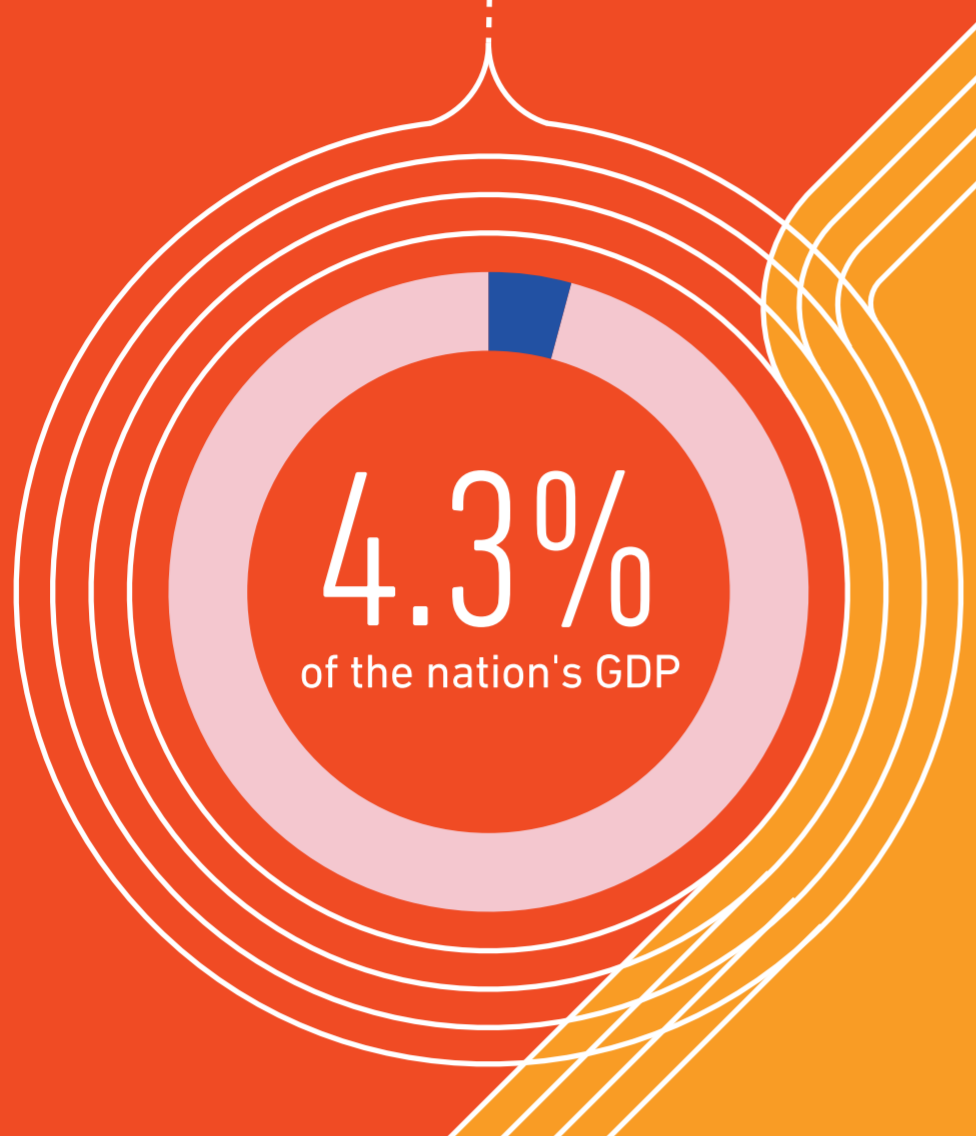
THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE ARTS

Supporting the arts not only enriches the lives of all Americans—it keeps many Americans employed.

4.7 MILLION AMERICANS
work in the arts and cultural industries

\$334.9 BILLION
total compensation of arts and culture workers

The arts contribute
\$698 BILLION
to the U.S. economy



The NEA's 2015 budget is
\$146 MILLION

▶ **0.004%**
of the federal budget

▶ **46 CENTS**
the NEA's annual cost to each American

Every dollar the NEA awards is matched by up to \$7 in private and other public funds

\$600 MILLION
in direct grant-matching support in FY2014

HOW THE NEA FUNDS THE ARTS

NEA awards grants for projects to nonprofit organizations nationwide, as well as supports fellowships for writers and translators of world literature.

The NEA grant review process is rigorous



Peer-review by citizen experts and laypersons from around the country



Review by National Council on the Arts, NEA's advisory body



Final review and award decisions by NEA chairman



NEA confers lifetime honors on jazz masters and folk and traditional artists.



NEA sponsors national programs such as Poetry Out Loud, Blue Star Museums, and the Big Read that provide diverse opportunities for thousands of Americans to experience quality arts programming.

> \$5 BILLION AWARDED
SINCE THE NEA'S INCEPTION IN 1965

40% of the NEA's funds support the work of the nation's state and regional arts organizations.

> 4,500 COMMUNITIES SERVED EACH YEAR THROUGH THESE GRANTS

EXTENDING THE REACH OF THE ARTS

NEA partnerships bring the arts to more tables in new and innovative ways to advance work in areas from education to healthcare to community development

NEA PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- National Park Service
- National Science Foundation
- Blue Star Families
- Poetry Foundation



In 2014, the NEA awarded
NEARLY 2,300 GRANTS IN ALL 50 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND 5 U.S. TERRITORIES

> 20 MILLION AMERICANS

ATTENDED A LIVE ARTS EVENT SUPPORTED BY THE NEA IN 2014

THESE EVENTS INCLUDED

▶ **~30,000**
concerts, readings, and performances

▶ **> 3,000**
exhibitions

Our vision is of a nation in which every American benefits from arts engagement, and every community recognizes and celebrates its aspirations and achievements through the arts.



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