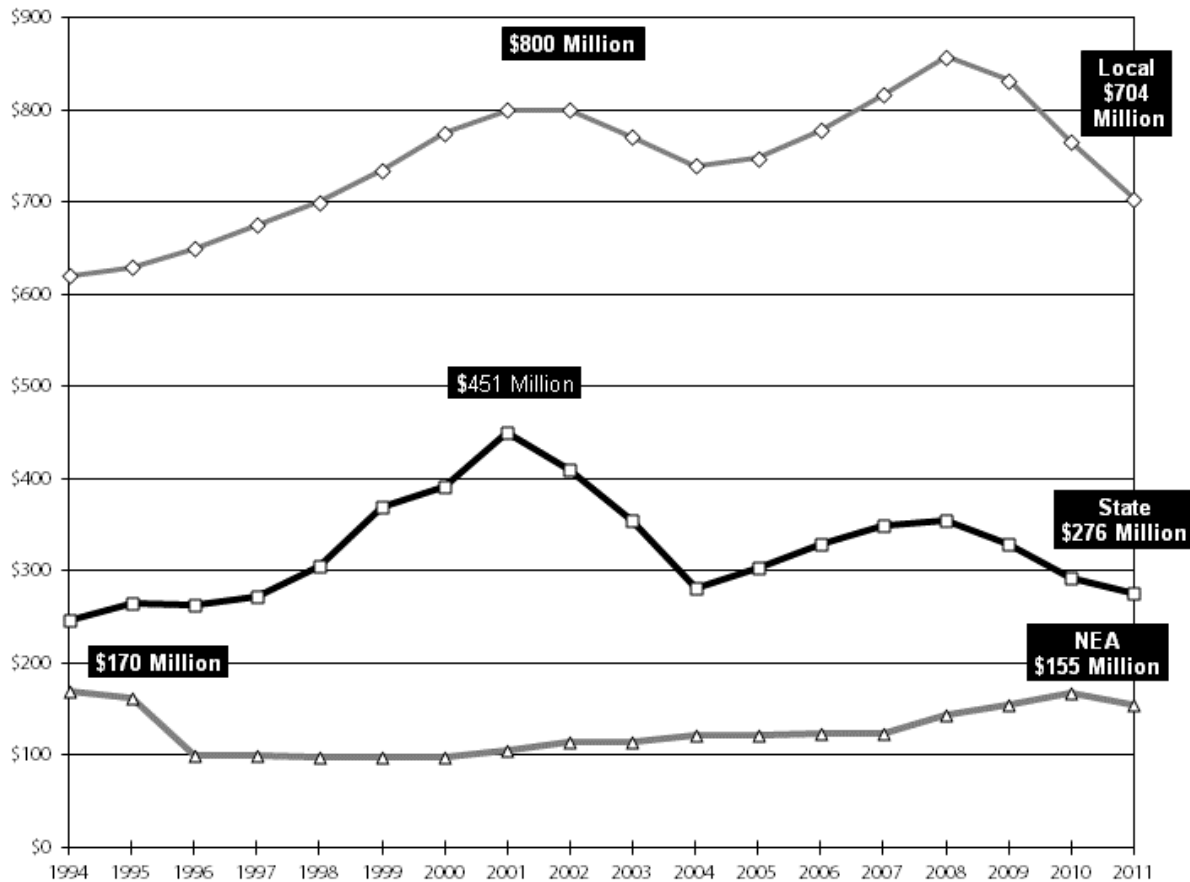




Arts Facts . . . Government Arts Funding

In 2011, local and state government arts funding fell 8 and 6 percent, respectively. The NEA dropped 8 percent from \$167.5 million down to \$155 million.

Government Support for the Arts Federal, State and Local 1994 to 2011



- **Local** government arts funding declined for a third consecutive year—down 8 percent, from an estimated \$765 million to \$704 million. 2008 was a high-water mark with nearly \$860 million in local government arts funding. (Nationally, this amounts to \$2.26 per capita.)
- **State** legislative arts appropriations, which includes line items, also decreased for a third consecutive year—dropping from \$293 million to \$276 million in 2011 (down 6 percent). State arts funding, which tracks closely with the economy, had record growth in the late 1990’s—reaching a high of \$451 million in 2001—followed by a precipitous drop to \$281 million by 2004 (38 percent decrease). (Nationally, this amounts to 89 cents per capita.)
- In 2011, the **National Endowment for the Arts** appropriation was \$155 million, an 8 percent decrease from \$167.5 million in 2010—ending a 10-year upward trend in NEA funding. The NEA’s budget high point was \$176 million in 1992. (50 cents per capita.)

Sources: Americans for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. Revised September 2011.