



A Message from the Director of Colorado Creative Industries

Dear Colleague and Friend of the Arts:

On March 16, 2017, the White House released a budget blueprint for Fiscal Year 2018. This proposal calls for reductions to a range of government programs, including the elimination of federal support for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The elimination of such funding would undercut not only Colorado's cultural assets, but also our prosperity and our state identity. Arts and culture are a strongly held value of our residents evidenced by the fact that Colorado ranked #1 in the country for the percentage of adults who perform or create artwork. The creative industries are the fifth largest employment sector in Colorado. Creative jobs in our state numbered 139,096 in 2015 and accounted for \$7.2 billion in earnings. Our music industry alone creates over 16,000 jobs and \$658 million in earnings.

If this budget is enacted, the elimination of the NEA would have dire consequences for every state, including Colorado. Rural areas, low-income communities and schools would suffer disproportionately from reductions in government arts funding. Last year NEA funding to CCI supported 237 creative nonprofits, creative districts, individuals and businesses in Colorado, of which 44% of the awards went to rural and small communities across the state and approximately 38% of the funds supplemented arts education programs in low income areas.

As a supporter of the arts, you know that the impact of the NEA is essential, and wide-reaching. Each \$1 in NEA grant funds leverages another \$9 from other public and private sources. The NEA's grants and programs are powerful examples of how the arts are a vital part of our everyday lives. This power can be seen in communities across the nation, and Colorado is no exception. Yet, the NEA's \$148 million budget represents just [0.004%](#) of the federal budget, less than 1/2 of one hundredth of one percent.

Keep in mind, the proposed White House Budget is the first -- not the final -- step in the FY 2018 appropriations process. The Legislative Branch ultimately decides how to allocate federal funds. We encourage Coloradans to be active and enthusiastic participants in this dialogue. You can use your voice to tell Congress that the elimination of or radical reductions to the NEA are unacceptable to taxpayers.

Should you be interested in advocacy efforts at the state and national level, we encourage you to connect with Arts for Colorado, Colorado Business Community for the Arts, the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, and Americans for the Arts.

As always, we honor and appreciate your passion, creativity, and partnership in support of the arts in Colorado.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hunt

Director, Colorado Creative Industries



2015 & 2016

Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Colorado

Senator Michael Bennet

- Total number of CCI grants provided to non-profit arts organizations, individuals and Creative Districts & NEA direct grants: \$3,978,790
- Total number of grants provided including NEA direct grants: 459
- NEA provided \$1,375,000 to CCI in 2015 & 2016
- CCI provided \$2.6 million in grants to Colorado in 2015 & 2016
- NEA requires a state match of 1 to 1
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Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Congressional District #1

Representative Diana DeGette

- Total number of grants provided to non-profit arts organizations, individuals and Creative Districts including NEA direct grants: 142
- Total amount of grants provided: \$1,482,510
 - Adams County: 3 grant totaling \$15,500
 - Arapahoe County: 31 grants for \$218,000
 - Denver County: 108 grants totaling \$1,249,010
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Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Congressional District #2

Representative Jared Polis

- Total number of grants provided to non-profit arts organizations and individuals including NEA direct grants: 105
- Total amount of grants provided: \$832,032
 - Boulder County: 49 grants totaling \$387,375
 - Arapahoe County: 2 grant totaling: \$20,000
 - Broomfield County: 5 grant totaling \$34,000
 - Eagle County: 9 grants totaling \$96,500
 - Grand County: 3 grants totaling \$34,000
 - Jefferson County: 8 grants totaling \$46,500
 - Larimer County: 21 grants totaling \$150,157
 - Park County: 1 grant of \$7,500
 - Summit County: 7 grants totaling \$61,000
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Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Congressional District #3

Representative Scott Tipton

- Total number of grants provided to non-profit arts organizations and individuals with including NEA direct grants: 104
- Total amount of grants provided: \$817,294
 - Alamosa County: 1 grant totaling \$1,790
 - Archuleta County: 2 grants totaling \$17,000
 - Custer County: 1 grant totaling \$1,000
 - Delta County: 5 grants totaling \$28,000
 - Eagle County: 4 grants totaling \$29,000
 - Garfield County: 7 grants totaling \$35,600
 - Gunnison County: 4 grants totaling \$32,500
 - Huerfano County: 3 grants totaling \$9,000
 - La Plata County: 12 grants totaling \$95,500
 - Mesa County: 5 grants totaling \$34,500
 - Mineral County: 4 grants totaling \$34,000
 - Moffat County: 1 grant totaling \$2,104
 - Montezuma County: 2 grants totaling \$5,300
 - Ouray County: 3 grants totaling \$18,000
 - Pitkin County: 16 grants totaling \$231,000
 - Pueblo County: 14 grants totaling \$95,500
 - Rio Grande County: 1 grant totaling \$1,000
 - Routt County: 9 grants totaling \$67,500
 - Saguache County: 3 grants totaling \$19,500
 - San Miguel County: 8 grants totaling \$60,500
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Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Congressional District #4

Representative Ken Buck

- Total number of grants provided to non-profit arts organizations and individuals including NEA direct grants: 26
- Total amount of grants provided: \$149,000
 - Boulder County: 6 grants totaling \$29,000
 - Arapahoe County: 2 grant totaling: \$14,000
 - Douglas County: 4 grants totaling \$40,000
 - Elbert County: 2 grants totaling \$8,000
 - Kiowa County: 1 grants totaling \$1,000
 - Larimer County: 1 grants totaling \$8,500
 - Las Animas County: 2 grants totaling \$7,000
 - Otero County: 1 grant of \$4,000
 - Weld County: : 7 grants totaling \$37,500
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Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Congressional District #5

Representative Doug Lamborn

- Total number of grants provided to non-profit arts organizations and individuals including NEA direct grants: 31
- Total amount of grants provided: \$232,000
 - Chaffee County: 4 grants for \$20,500
 - El Paso County: 26 grants for \$207,500
 - Fremont County: 1 grant for \$4,000
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Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Congressional District #6

Representative Mike Coffman

- Total number of grants provided to non-profit arts organizations and individuals including NEA direct grants: 17
- Total amount of grants provided: \$128,500
 - Arapahoe County: 16 grants for \$124,500
 - Douglas County: 1 grants for \$4,000
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Use of National Endowment for the Arts and State Funds in Congressional District #7

Representative Ed Perlmutter

- Total number of grants provided to non-profit arts organizations and individuals including NEA direct grants: 13
- Total amount of grants provided: \$163,000
 - Adams County: 2 grants for \$13,000
 - Jefferson County: 11 grants for \$150,000
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Colorado Creative Industries Partnership Initiative ***Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network***

On March 28, 2017, an announcement of the expansion of the ***Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network***, will be release to include a new partnership that includes Colorado Creative Industries and the Fort Carson United States Army installation located in El Paso County, Colorado, near the city of Colorado Springs.

Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Department of Defense that serves the unique and special needs of military patients and veterans who have been diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury and psychological health conditions, as well as their families and caregivers.

The NEA Colorado Creative Industries will provide funding for creative arts therapists including, art and music therapists, and creative writing instructors, as well as program support at Fort Carson and in the El Paso County community. In these clinical settings, creative arts therapists work with military patients and veterans who have been diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury and psychological health conditions.

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Partnering with Fort Carson personnel and regional arts organizations, Colorado Creative Industries will develop community-based arts programs that allow patients to continue exploring art practices as part of their healing process. In addition to military service members, these programs will be available for veterans, families, and caregivers to access arts programming.

The community-based project will support a convening of arts organizations, military and veterans support groups and health resources in a Creative Forces Summit in the fall of 2017.

In addition, Colorado Creative Industries has proposed a program to help military service members and veterans find pathways to employment and/or entrepreneurship in our state's thriving creative sector.

The NEA has been collaborating with the Department of Defense for more than a decade, offering creative writing workshops, performing arts programs, the Blue Star Museums military appreciation program, grant funding for projects that reach veterans, and the current Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network initiative. Colorado Creative Industries is proud to join them in this effort.

