

TALKING POINTS

Proposed Elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts

IMPACT ARTS ACCESS



Eliminating the NEA would impact arts access in every state in our nation. Residents in every U.S. Congressional District benefit from NEA grants. NEA funds leverage additional support from a diverse range of private sources and stimulate arts support from businesses, foundations, and individual donors.

STATE-FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS

Through an exemplary state-federal partnership, 40% of the NEA's grant funds (\$47 million in FY17) are allocated to states and regions. These funds from Washington, D.C. enable local communities to address their own self-defined needs and priorities and allow decisions regarding how to allocate NEA funds to be made at the state level.



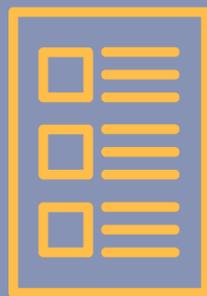
CREATIVE FORCES

NEA programs address top policy priorities for lawmakers and citizens alike. Through its Creative Forces Military Healing Arts program, the NEA has built meaningful partnerships with the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to help heal our wounded warriors.



RURAL, LOW-INCOME AREAS AND SCHOOLS WOULD SUFFER

Underserved rural areas, low-income communities, and schools would suffer disproportionately from reductions in government arts funding. By using a combination of state and federal funds, state arts agencies award more than 25% of their grants to rural areas, 54% to low-income communities and 45% to arts education projects.



MATCHING FUNDS

Every NEA grant dollar leverages more than \$9 in matching funds and other contributions. Loss of federal leadership for the arts will have a significant negative effect throughout the arts ecosystem.



LIMITED ACCESS TO ARTS FUNDING

An entirely private arts funding model will leave many communities with limited access to arts funding. Overall philanthropic giving in the United States is geographically disproportional, with rural areas receiving a minuscule amount of foundation grant dollars.



NEA = 0.004% OF FEDERAL BUDGET

Eliminating the NEA will not balance the federal budget. The NEA receives a mere 0.004% of the total federal budget - less than half of one hundredth of one percent.

