

STATE ARTS AGENCY GRANT MAKING AND FUNDING

Each of America's 50 states and six jurisdictions has a government agency that works to make the cultural, civic, economic and educational benefits of the arts available to all communities. Through services and grant making, state arts agencies (SAAs) increase citizen access to the arts and help each state to recognize, cultivate and promote its unique creative assets. State arts agencies are publicly guided entities that engage citizen volunteers as council members, grant-adjudication panelists and participants in agency planning and decision making.

State Arts Agency Grant Making

State arts agencies provide a wide array of citizen services, including public information, partnership building, technical assistance, and research and planning. Among the most important of these services is grant making: almost 23,000 projects are funded in more than 4,600 communities each year. State arts agencies invest their funds through a variety of programs designed to foster:

- **educational success**, by investing in arts education opportunities for students. Forty-one percent of state arts agency grants are directed toward programs and organizations with significant arts education activities;
- **arts participation**, by supporting more than 4,794 performances and exhibitions;
- **accessibility**, by investing more than \$39 million in programs that widen the availability of the arts in rural areas;
- **cultural infrastructure**, by investing in arts organizations, both established and emerging, through general operating support, professional development, stabilization funding and networking support. General operating support is one of the most flexible types of funding and accounts for almost one-third of state arts agency grant dollars;
- **innovation**, by supporting individual artists and the development of new creative works; and
- **artistic heritage**, by investing more than \$7 million in the preservation of cultural traditions through projects in the folk and traditional arts.

Total State Arts Agency Grant Awards Fiscal Year 2018

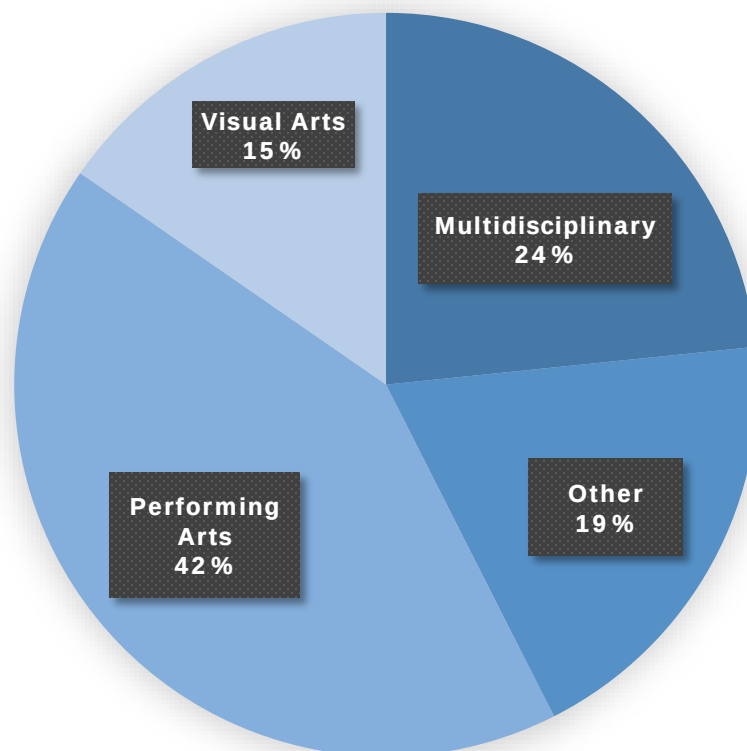
Number of Grants Awarded	22,895
Arts Education Grants	9,434
Operating Support Grants	5,326
Individual Artist Grants	2,718
Grants to Local Arts Agencies	1,331
Grant Dollars Awarded	\$303,301,665
Number of Communities Funded	4,617

State arts agency grant requirements encourage local investment in the arts. Applicants match—and usually exceed—the funds granted by the state with funds from local government, the private sector or earned-income activities. Although state arts agency grants represent a modest portion of overall funding for the arts, they convey unique and essential public benefits. State arts agency policies encourage civic engagement, catalyze collaboration within and across sectors, ensure equitable access to funding opportunities, and comprehensively address the long-term needs of each state and jurisdiction in America.

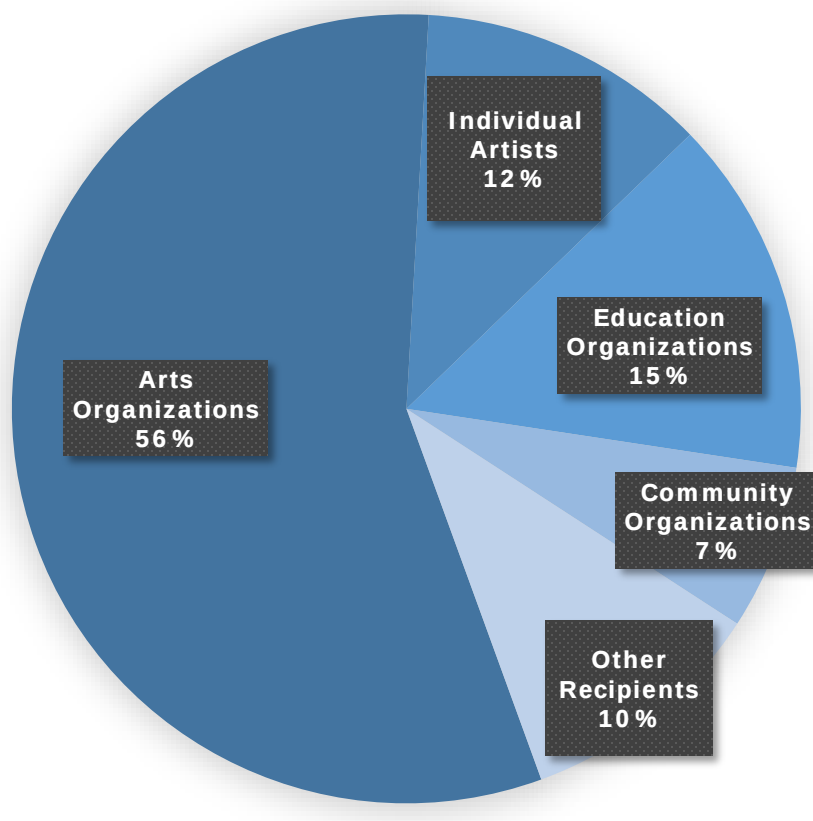
State Arts Agency Awards by Discipline
Fiscal Year 2018

Discipline	Number of Grants	Grant Dollars
Crafts	388	\$3,575,308
Dance	1,430	\$16,051,562
Design Arts	180	\$2,880,172
Folklife/Traditional Arts	990	\$7,311,445
Humanities	371	\$9,150,285
Interdisciplinary	452	\$6,604,551
Literature	1,067	\$7,745,510
Media Arts	778	\$10,746,634
Multidisciplinary	5,352	\$103,875,432
Music	4,606	\$40,979,898
Opera/Musical Theatre	532	\$8,935,990
Photography	186	\$1,372,246
Theatre	3,069	\$43,181,441
Visual Arts	2,765	\$33,867,529
Non-Arts/Non-Humanities	729	\$7,023,662

Number of State Arts Agency Awards by Discipline Category
Fiscal Year 2018



Number of State Arts Agency Awards by Institution Type
Fiscal Year 2018



Other Recipients includes groups such as parks and recreation, libraries, media groups and local government entities.

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Fiscal Year 2018**

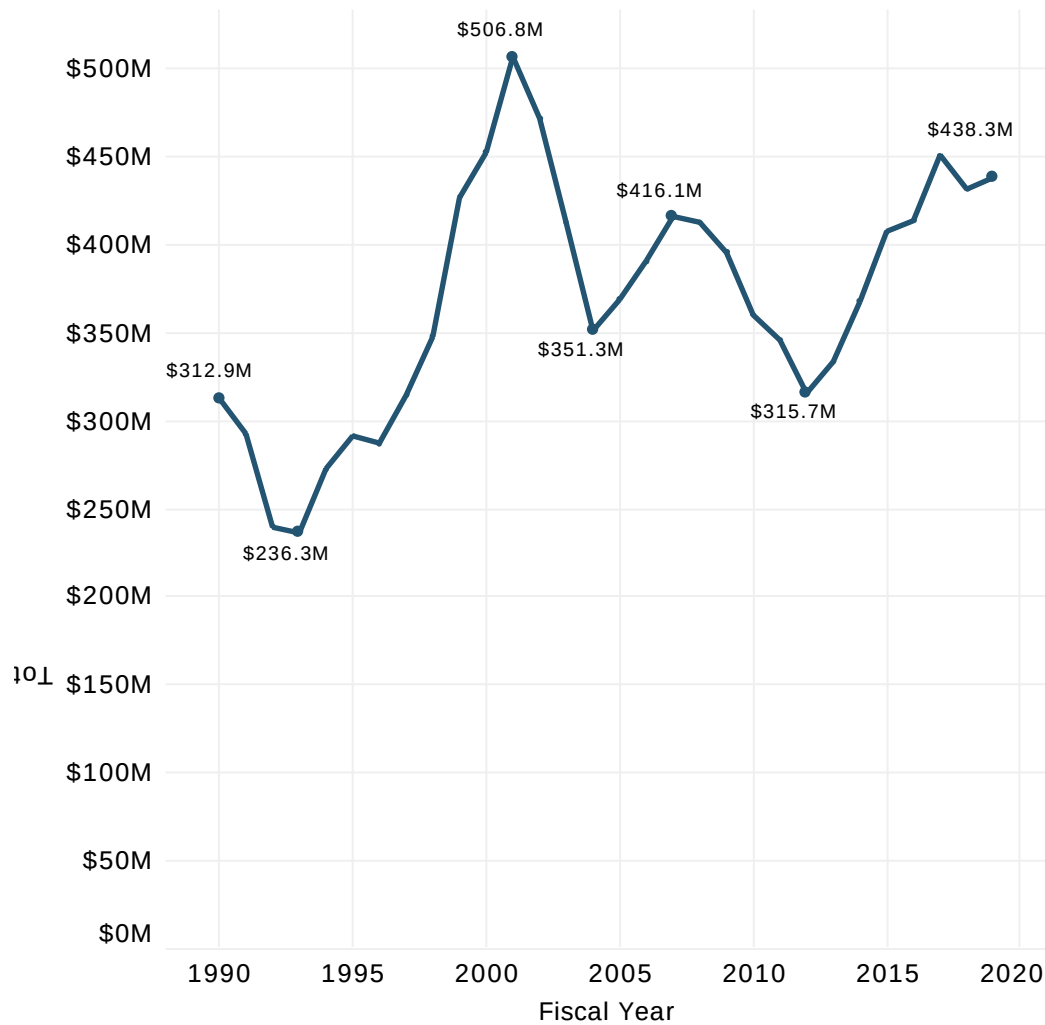
State or Jurisdiction	Total Grants Awarded		Communities Funded	Grantees Funded
	Number	Dollars	Number	Number
Alabama	352	\$3,748,811	79	236
Alaska	193	\$1,616,733	39	151
Arizona	316	\$2,512,205	53	313
Arkansas	447	\$1,560,227	95	299
California	767	\$11,796,360	138	488
Colorado	167	\$1,242,798	46	165
Connecticut	284	\$1,994,131	70	204
Delaware	203	\$3,325,965	33	165
Florida	613	\$16,199,042	135	580
Georgia	230	\$1,469,431	103	210
Hawaii	80	\$2,369,012	24	71
Idaho	187	\$595,452	44	160
Illinois	835	\$8,937,278	151	686
Indiana	216	\$3,468,816	55	202
Iowa	156	\$1,157,703	76	155
Kansas	94	\$646,141	38	76
Kentucky	202	\$1,453,842	71	186
Louisiana	296	\$1,533,152	84	265
Maine	131	\$437,044	57	122
Maryland	840	\$18,648,255	172	760
Massachusetts	1,987	\$11,115,289	375	1,579
Michigan	529	\$10,180,055	133	391
Minnesota	624	\$32,843,213	82	493
Mississippi	216	\$1,296,080	75	192
Missouri	477	\$4,384,671	114	452
Montana	194	\$849,715	42	150
Nebraska	437	\$1,921,002	80	331
Nevada	276	\$1,014,934	34	238
New Hampshire	103	\$555,730	51	100
New Jersey	206	\$15,870,093	89	170
New Mexico	178	\$997,122	40	175
New York	2,044	\$46,267,075	219	1,229
North Carolina	356	\$7,176,132	124	271
North Dakota	195	\$809,635	48	174
Ohio	885	\$13,321,921	193	717
Oklahoma	401	\$2,372,509	71	224
Oregon	365	\$2,060,804	54	314
Pennsylvania	367	\$9,011,539	85	330
Rhode Island	334	\$4,008,418	44	291
South Carolina	392	\$3,894,025	94	330
South Dakota	471	\$1,321,541	91	233
Tennessee	928	\$5,491,599	216	705
Texas	1,447	\$5,696,106	206	766
Utah	229	\$1,622,168	65	209
Vermont	125	\$603,209	57	112
Virginia	618	\$3,587,325	169	507
Washington	142	\$722,122	43	137
West Virginia	105	\$1,974,999	38	75
Wisconsin	228	\$1,058,547	85	216
Wyoming	200	\$891,622	46	178
American Samoa	8	\$175,000	1	4
District of Columbia	711	\$23,879,854	1	507
Guam	22	\$130,300	7	22
Northern Marianas	112	\$120,802	3	104
Puerto Rico	244	\$1,223,939	40	169
Virgin Islands	138	\$315,172	6	126

State Arts Agency Funding

State arts agency grant-making activities are dependent on agency revenues. Several funding sources contribute to SAA revenue, with the largest being state funds. States allocate these funds through three common mechanisms: legislative appropriations to SAAs, line items passing through SAA budgets and transfers to SAAs from other state funds. Combined, these mechanisms accounted for 89.2% of total state arts agency revenue in fiscal year 2019. Other funding for SAAs comes from the National Endowment for the Arts; foundation, corporate and individual support; and other federal grants. Total state arts agency revenue amounted to \$438.3 million in FY2019, a 2% increase from the \$431.6 million secured in FY2018.

State budgets on the whole have entered a period of slow but stable growth following the Great Recession of 2007-2009. However, long-term issues such as pensions, aging infrastructure, and increasing health care expenditures will loom large over states for the foreseeable future.

Total State Arts Agency Revenue
Fiscal Years 1990-2019



National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)

NASAA is the membership organization that unites, represents and serves the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies. Its mission is to strengthen state arts agencies by representing their individual and collective interests, empowering their work through knowledge, and advancing the arts as an essential public benefit. NASAA serves as a clearinghouse for data and research about public funding and the arts, facilitating the transfer of ideas for members and partners.

This report draws on data from NASAA's biannual legislative appropriations surveys and from state arts agencies' Final Descriptive Reports (FDRs) of grant-making activity submitted annually to the National Endowment for the Arts and NASAA. Grant figures reported here represent data from fiscal year 2018 or the most recent available. For more information on the work of state arts agencies, call 202-347-6352, e-mail nasaa@nasaa-arts.org or visit nasaa-arts.org.

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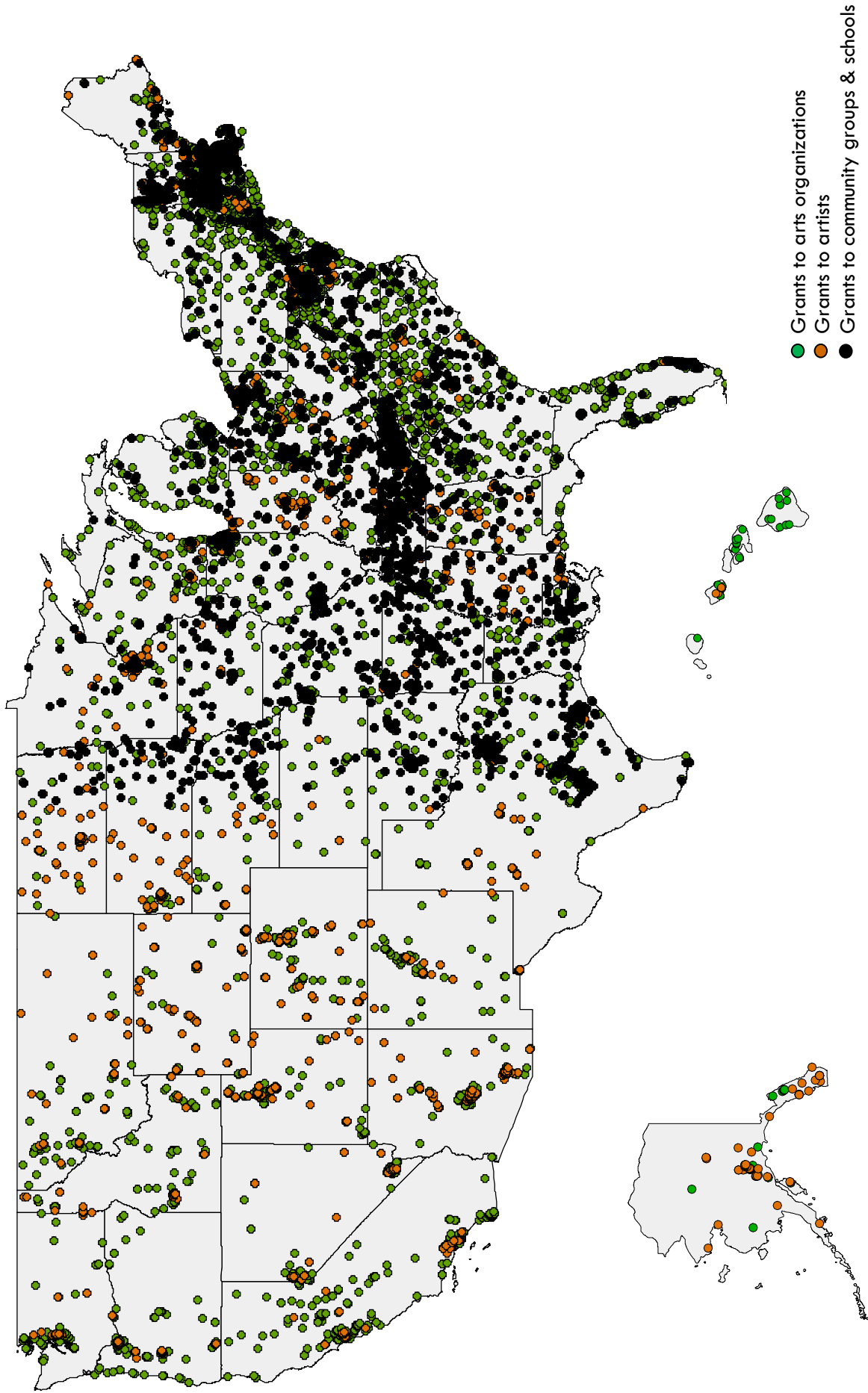
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State Arts Agency Grant Awards by Recipient Type
Fiscal Year 2018



Symbols indicate ZIP codes of at least one grant recipient.

State Arts Agency Arts Education Awards

Fiscal Year 2018

