

Grants and Fiscal Officers Peer Group Session

Thursday, October 8, 2026

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St NE

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Purpose: Provide grants and fiscal officers with an opportunity to learn from peers, discuss shared challenges and emerging issues, exchange practical strategies, and strengthen professional connections.

1. Final Descriptive Reports (FDR) Session *(approximately one-third of the session)*

In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts Office of Research & Analysis

- NEA presentation on the use and value of FDRs
- Discussion of how state arts agencies use FDR data for grant making, planning, reporting, advocacy and decision making
- Participant feedback on current practices, challenges and opportunities to improve FDR reporting and utilization

2. Grants and Fiscal Officers Roundtable Discussions *(approximately one-third of the session)*

Facilitated peer discussions on issues of greatest interest to grants and fiscal officers, informed by feedback from the peer group. Potential discussion topics include:

- emerging grant-making practices and policy changes
- fiscal management challenges and solutions
- federal and state compliance issues
- technology and grants management systems
- streamlining grant administration

- member-generated questions and current issues

3. Networking and Site Visit (*approximately one-third of the session*)

interactive site visit (location TBD)

- informal networking
- opportunity to continue conversations and build professional relationships in a more relaxed setting

Coordinators

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