

2023 Federal, State and Regional Grant Making Facts

Public-Sector Grant Making

Public Support for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), state and jurisdictional arts agencies (SAAs) and regional arts organizations (RAOs) all award grants to organizations that advance the arts across the nation. Federal, state and regional grants play complementary roles in arts support. The NEA is the largest national arts funder and makes federal investments that serve as catalysts for public and private support. SAAs and RAOs reach organizations and communities, often with smaller grants for grassroots projects. Organizations receiving both federal and state awards use those dollars for discrete projects.

About This Fact Sheet

This fact sheet explores grantees receiving funds from both the NEA and SAAs and/or RAOs for fiscal years 2016-2020 (NEA FY2015-2019). Over this five-year period, a total of 3,204 grantees benefited from funding from both NEA and SAAs/RAOs. 11% of SAA/RAO grantees also received grants from the NEA.

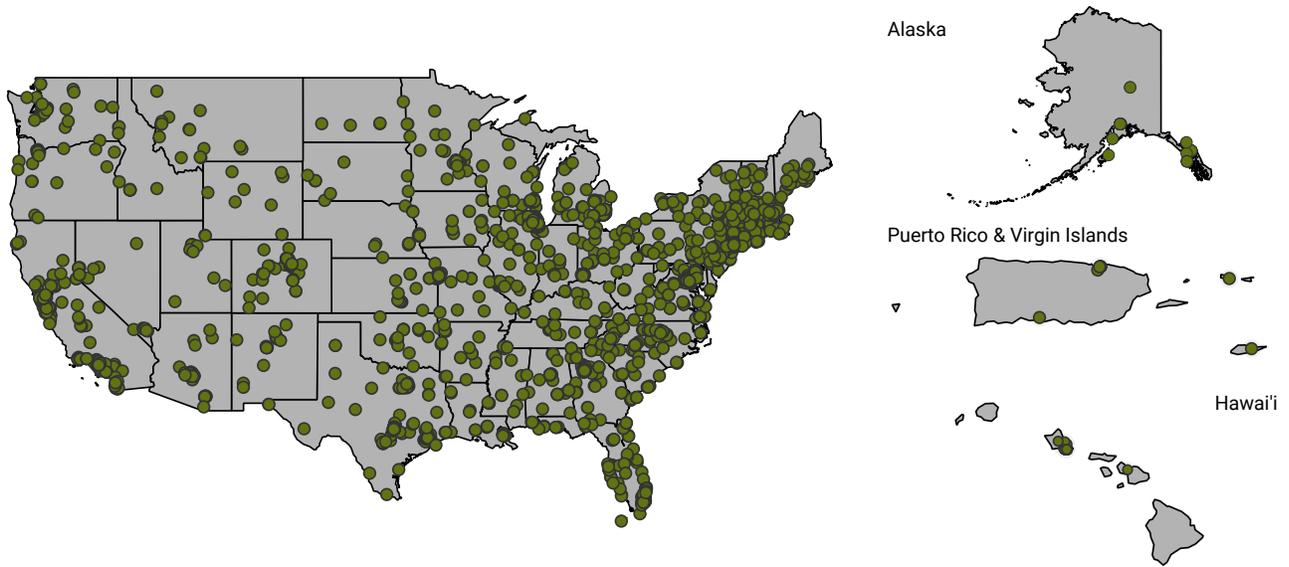
FY2016-2020 Combined Federal, State and Regional Grants for			
	General Operating Support (GOS)	Local Arts Agencies (LAA)	Arts Education
Total dollars awarded	\$282,722,989	\$53,022,229	\$140,984,723
Percentage of all grant dollars	30.0%	5.6%	14.9%
Number of grants awarded	7,296	1,497	7,374
Share of all overlap grants	22%	5%	22%
Median award size	\$16,730	\$14,400	\$9,000
Communities served*	1,741	232	1,801

*Communities served is based on unique census tracts receiving grants or where activities took place.

Insights and Discoveries FY2016-2020

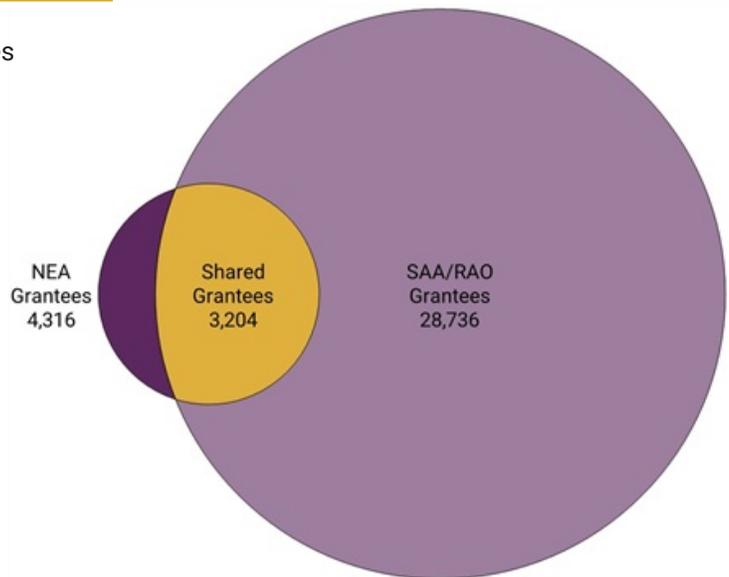
- Over the five-year period, SAAs and RAOs collectively awarded a total of 59,289 grants (totaling \$927 million).
- 3,204 grantees received funding from both the NEA and SAAs/RAOs.
- 74% of NEA grantees received grants from their SAA/RAO, while 11% of SAA/RAO grantees received funding from the NEA.
- These shared grantees received 32,797 awards, with \$609 million coming from SAAs/RAOs and \$335 million from the NEA.
- These shared grantees are located in 3,036 communities in 726 counties across 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- The majority of these shared grantees (43%) were in the performing arts, including dance, music, opera and theatre.

Shared Grantee Locations FY2016-2020

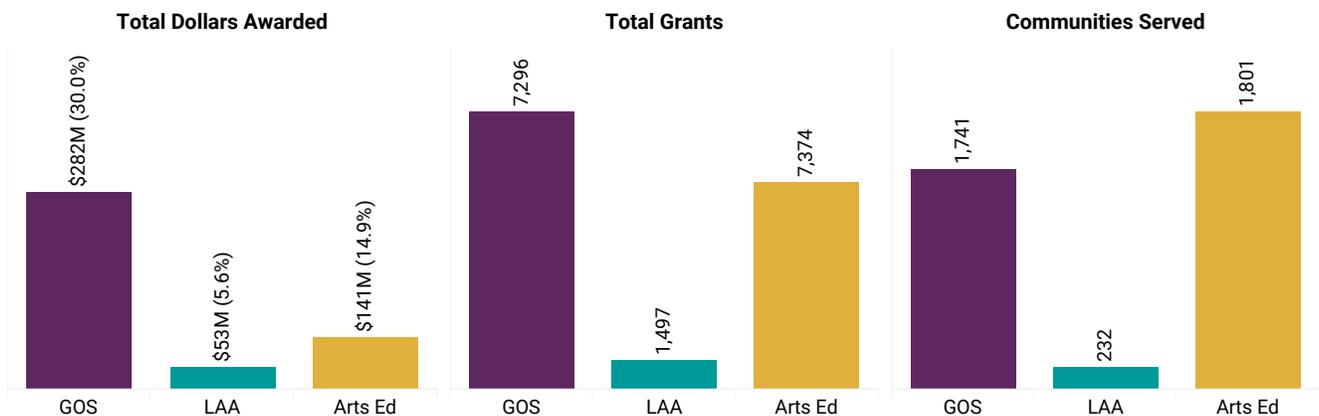


Grantees Receiving NEA, SAA/RAO Awards, FY2016-2020

- Shared grantees consist of 74% of NEA grantees and 11% of SAA/RAO grantees.



Shared Grantees of NEA and SAA/RAO Funding



This report draws on data from state arts agencies' Final Descriptive Reports of grant-making activity submitted annually to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and NASAA. NASAA's collection of grant-making statistics is supported in part through a cooperative agreement with the NEA. For more information on the work of state arts agencies, call 202-347-6352, email nasaa@nasaa-arts.org or visit <https://nasaa-arts.org/>.