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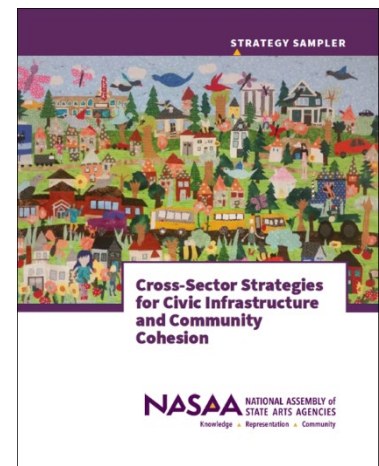
NASAA President to Members: Thank You for Your Commitment

In her [2024 report to members](#) at NASAA Assembly 2024 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, NASAA President and CEO Pam Breaux praised state and jurisdictional arts agencies for your commitment to sustaining American communities. Acknowledging member challenges this year, she touted members' achievements in arts education, partnerships, celebrating culture, accessible programming and more. NASAA is grateful for your passion and dedication!

The Power of Partnerships across Sectors

State arts agency (SAA) collaborations across sectors are beneficial to both communities and state government, expanding support for the arts and building relationships and allies for the arts at state level. NASAA's three new Cross-Sector Strategy Samplers exemplify successful state programs and policies:

- [Cross-Sector Strategies for Health and Community Well-Being](#) documents the strategies of seven SAAs with innovative programs connecting the arts and health care sectors, broadening accessibility and enhancing positive outcomes.
- [Cross-Sector Strategies for Civic Infrastructure and Community Cohesion](#) offers partnership examples from seven SAAs that reveal how arts and culture can help foster meaningful connections that strengthen the bonds of our communities.
- [Cross-Sector Strategies for Creative Rural Development](#) shows how four SAAs and one regional arts organization collaborate with multiple partners to mobilize creative assets in rural areas, ensuring these communities can access the benefits of the arts.



Listen and Learn

If you missed any sessions from the [NASAA 2024 Learning Series](#), recordings and resources are available:

- [Arts, Health and Well-Being: Cross-Sector Partnerships](#)
- [Building Capacity for Disaster Readiness](#)
- [Investing in Accessibility and Disabled Artists](#)
- [Resilience and Growth: The Value of Creative Economies](#)

...to list just a few examples. And the [NASAA 2025 Learning Series](#) is already underway!

Bolstering Federal Arts Support

NASAA is highly focused on galvanizing support for the arts with the new Congress and administration. To reinforce the arts as a nonpartisan issue, Congress needs to hear from you, appointed arts leaders from every part of the nation. As the House and Senate finalize budget packages for FY2025 and begin work on FY2026, it's imperative for them to understand what the [federal-state partnership](#)—which allocates 40% of National Endowment for the Arts grant funding to state and jurisdictional arts agencies—achieves in your state. For tips on federal advocacy strategies, see NASAA [advocacy resources](#) or contact Legislative Counsel [Isaac Brown](#).



NASAA Assembly 2024 Proceedings and Photos

[Proceedings](#) from NASAA Assembly 2024 include session notes and presentations, plenary addresses, videos, [photos](#) and more! Hosted in San Juan by the [Institute of Puerto Rican Culture](#), the event demonstrated the creativity, resiliency and global influence of Puerto Rico. (Access to NASAA Assembly 2024 Proceedings is a member-only benefit; contact NASAA's [Sue Struve](#) for login assistance if needed.)



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A BIG thank-you to all the generous donors who contributed to NASAA's 56 Years, 56 Strong celebration last year! As your professional association, we're dedicated to strengthening state arts agencies and empowering your work—so having such incredible backing from our professional community is truly inspiring.

Every year, we ask our members to consider making a personal gift, because the stronger NASAA is, the more we can do for you and your agency. Individual contributions directly support NASAA's advocacy work, equip us to tackle emerging challenges and provide the flexibility to meet the field's evolving needs. You can [learn more](#) about supporting NASAA, or [contribute now](#) to help state arts agencies lead boldly in the year ahead. **Thank you!**