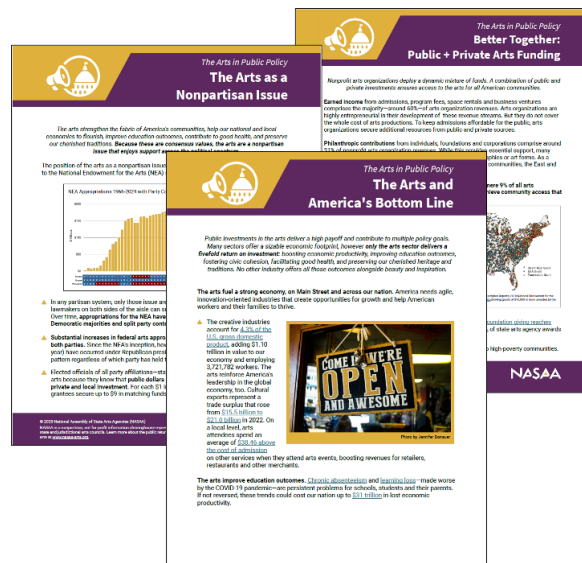


This two-page brief is designed to keep council/board members at state and jurisdictional arts agencies informed while offering ideas for action. Include it in the materials for your next meeting!

## New Advocacy Tools Help You Make the Case

State legislative sessions and the 119th Congress are in full swing—and as an arts leader, you can convey to your elected officials the value of funding the arts. NASAA's three new policy papers can help! Each offers concise talking points and relevant data to help you communicate the impressive return on investment delivered by government arts funding:

- [The Arts and America's Bottom Line](#)
- [Better Together: Public + Private Arts Funding](#)
- [The Arts as a Nonpartisan Issue](#)



In addition, council members have found these NASAA tools to be especially helpful:

- [Three Simple Ways to Advocate for the Arts](#)
- [Advocacy vs. Lobbying: An Arts Primer](#)

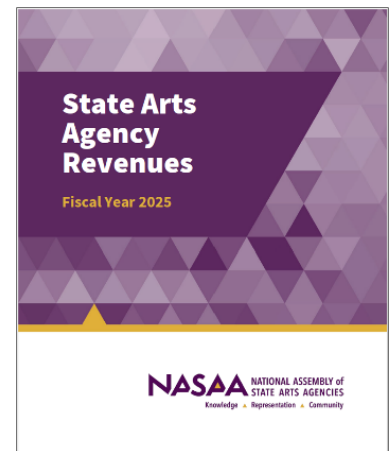


## Relationships with Congress Are Key

The National Endowment for the Arts has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress for a long time. Nevertheless, it is important to keep your federal delegation educated and apprised. Fortified with tools and talking points like those above, respectfully share your agency's work and how the [federal-state partnership](#) supports your community. Emphasize that public funding for the arts is a high-return investment that benefits every American in every city, town and rural community. Find more tips in NASAA's advocacy messaging guide, [Arts and Creativity Strengthen Our Nation](#). It's designed to help you advocate using language that resonates across the political spectrum. Discover even more [advocacy tools](#) you can put to use today!

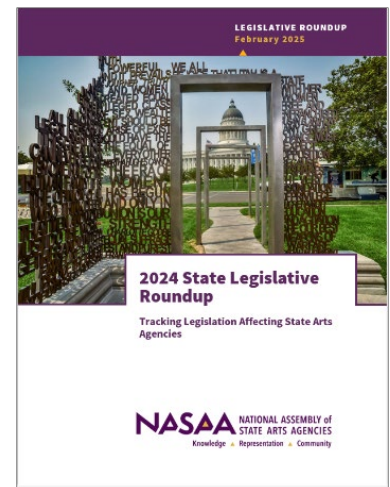
## State Arts Agency Revenues, FY2025

Legislative appropriations to state and jurisdictional arts agencies (SAAs) decreased from \$755.2 million in fiscal year 2024 to \$694.3 million in FY2025. The overall decline is largely attributed to reductions in a few large-budget states. The good news is that current funding levels remain above prepandemic baselines, indicating a continued commitment to support of state arts funding. To learn more about SAA funding sources, turn to NASAA's [FY2025 State Arts Agency Revenues](#) report. Our [press release](#) offers top level data points and highlights, and our [interactive dashboards](#) make it easy to visualize regional comparisons, trends over time and more. [Contact NASAA](#) to explore how you can use the data in meetings with policymakers and others to support your case.



## Significant State Arts Legislation in 2024

For a national view of recent state legislation related to arts and culture, check out our [2024 State Legislative Roundup](#). NASAA tracked 412 noteworthy arts and culture bills in 2024, 73 of which are highlighted in this report. Topics include the creative economy, public art, arts education, pandemic relief and emergency preparedness, state arts agency structure, and more. If you have questions about advocating for state arts funding, have a legislative challenge coming up or would like a sounding board as you plan meetings with legislators, be sure to [call on NASAA](#).



### Connect with Peers

Join us at the next chair and council member virtual peer group session, **April 9 from 1:00-1:45 p.m. Eastern**, for a federal policy briefing. Keep an eye out for more details via email—or [register now](#). These informative and free gatherings help you advance your leadership and connect you to peers around the country. Watch our [events calendar](#) for more sessions throughout the year.

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