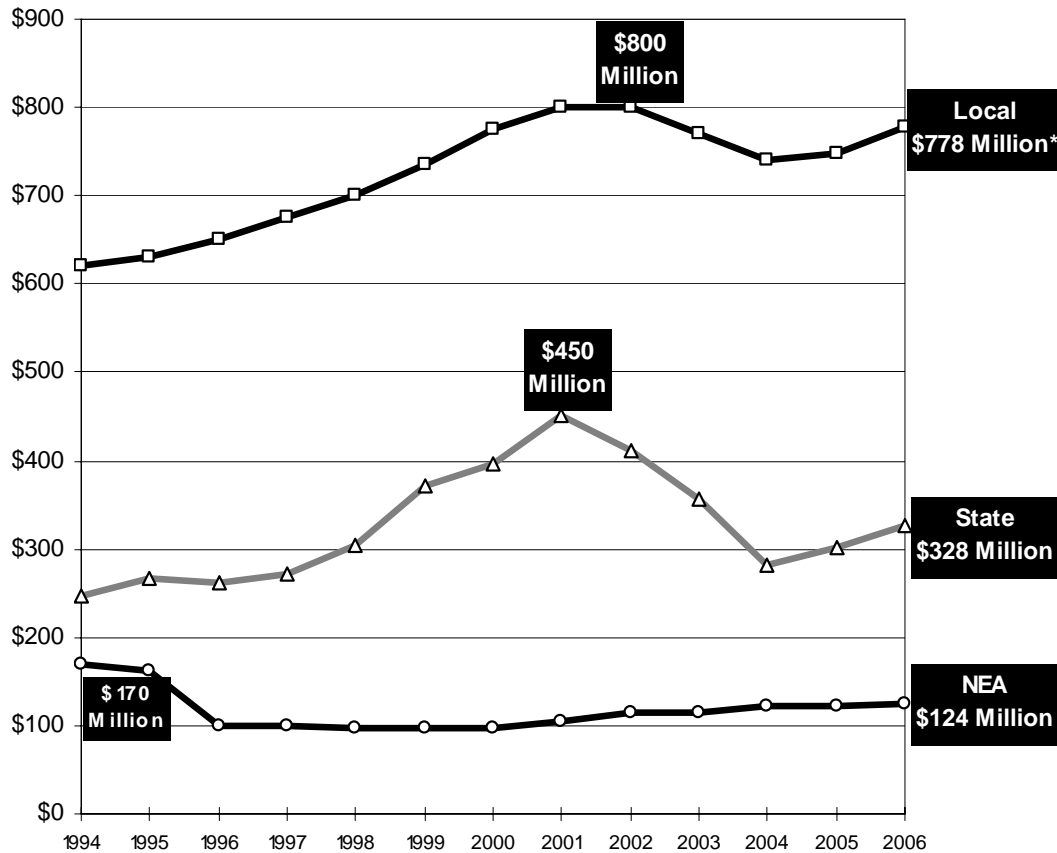




**Arts Facts . . . Government Arts Funding**  
 Following decreases in public arts funding that occurred post 9/11, government support rebounded in 2005 and will increase again in 2006.

### Government Support for the Arts Federal, State and Local 1994 to 2006



- In 2003, **local** government arts funding dropped for the first time in 15 years after reaching an all-time high of \$800 million in 2002. The sluggish economy and post-9/11 drops in tourism reduced general fund appropriations as well as income from local option taxes (e.g., hotel or sales taxes dedicated to the arts). 2005 was a bounce year for local government arts funding, with a one percent increase to \$748 million. In 2006, local government arts funding grew an estimated four percent to \$778 million.
- Following record growth in **state** arts funding in the late 1990's—reaching a high of \$450.1 million in 2001—legislative arts appropriations, which track closely with the economy, dropped to \$281 million in 2004 (38 percent decrease from 2001 to 2004). In 2005, state legislative appropriations to the arts increased 7.6 percent to \$302.4 million, and another 8.3 percent in 2006 to \$327.5 million.
- After reaching a high of \$176 million in 1992, the **NEA** budget was cut 40 percent in 1996 and remained relatively unchanged until 2001. The 2006 budget is \$124.4 million, a 2.6 percent increase from 2005 (\$121.3 million).