



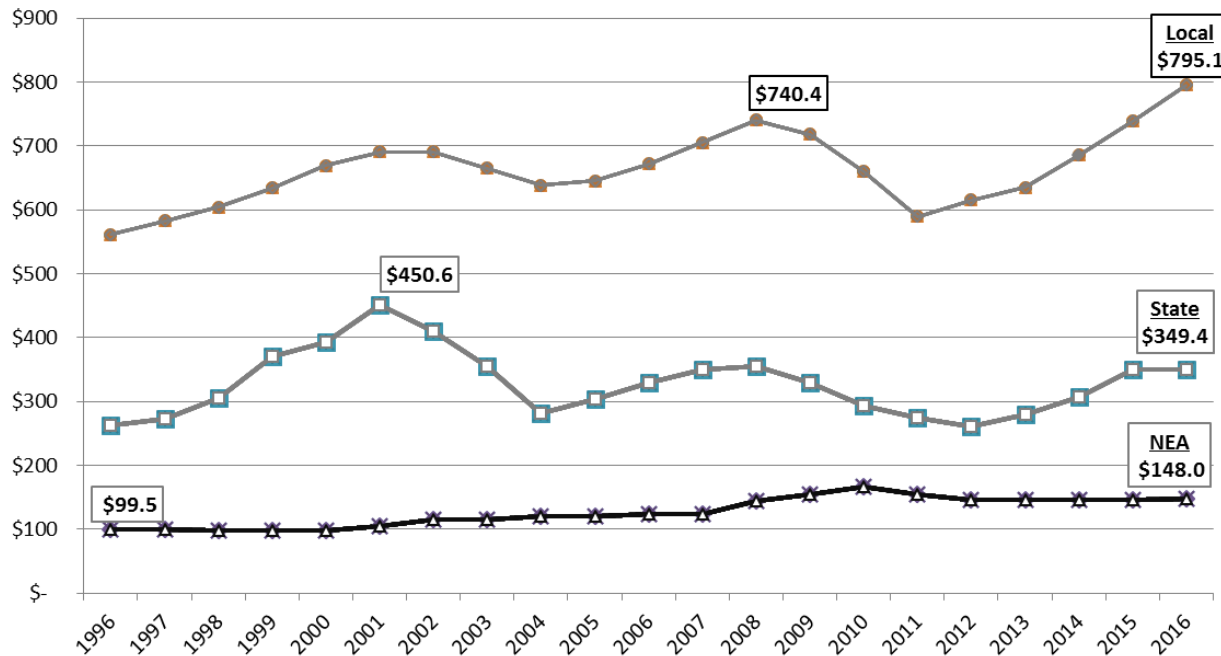
Arts Facts . . . Government Funding to Arts Agencies

In 2016, NEA funding grew for the first time since 2010, state appropriations decreased slightly, and local government appropriations increased for the fifth consecutive year.

Government Funding to Arts Agencies

Federal, State, and Local: 1996 - 2016

[Millions of Dollars]



- Local** government funding to their Local Arts Agencies increased for the 5th consecutive year in 2016 to an estimated \$795.1 million, up from \$738.1 in 2015 (+8 percent). These increases followed a four-year decline in funding resulting from the Great Recession. This local estimate is conservative as it includes only the 1,127 respondents from the 2015 Local Arts Agency Census; there are an estimated 4,500 LAAs nationally. (\$795.1 million = \$2.47 per capita)
- State** legislative arts appropriations decreased slightly, from \$350.6 million in 2015 to \$349.4 million in 2016 (-0.3 percent), following three years of growth. State arts funding—which tracks closely with the economy—had record growth in the late 1990s, reaching a high of \$450.6 million in 2001, followed by a precipitous drop to \$281.0 million by 2004 (-38 percent). (\$349.4 million = \$1.07 per capita)
- Federal** appropriations to the National Endowment for the Arts grew to \$148.0 million in 2016 after remaining flat at \$146.0 million since 2012. The 2016 level of funding remains lower than the 2010 appropriation level of \$167.5 million. (\$148.0 million = 46 cents per capita)

Note: These figures are limited to government funding directly to the NEA, state, and local arts agencies. They do not represent the full breadth of government funding, such as legislative line items to cultural organizations, facilities, or arts funding by non-arts agencies.

Sources: Americans for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, NEA 2016. Updated February 2016