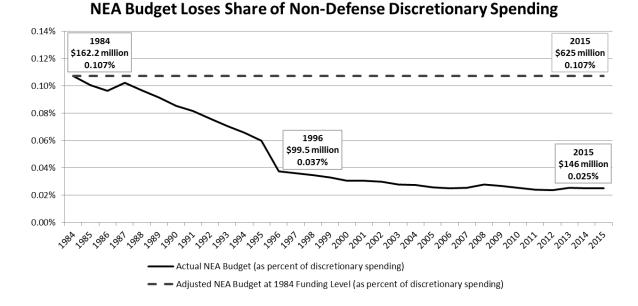


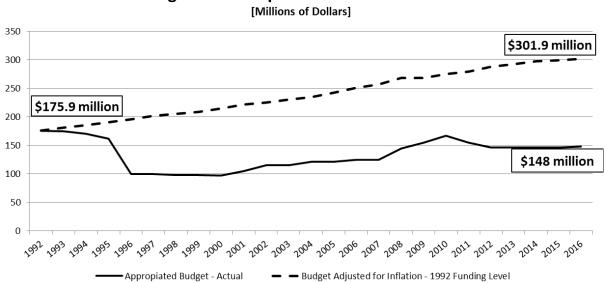
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The NEA budget has been losing its share of federal discretionary spending and failing to keep pace with inflation. When adjusted for inflation, the NEA's 1992 budget is more than twice the actual 2016 budget.

If the NEA had simply maintained its 1984 percentage of non-defense discretionary spending (0.107 percent, or 11 cents per \$100 of spending), its 2015 budget would have been \$625 million instead of \$146 million.



If the NEA's 1992 budget remained constant and was only adjusted for inflation, it would be \$301.9 million in 2016, instead of \$148 million, a \$154 million difference.



NEA Funding Fails to Keep Pace with Inflation: 1992 - 2016

Source: NEA Office of Management & Budget; US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Analysis by Americans for the Arts, 2016.