Comparison of FY 2019 to FY 2020 Appropriations for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)  
(in millions of dollars)

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**February 12, 2018**—The President releases his FY 2019 budget proposal, and again requests termination of the NEA and NEH. The proposal would provide minimal funds to bring about the closure of the agencies.

**March 23, 2018**—Five months into the fiscal year, President Donald Trump signs an omnibus appropriations bill into law, funding the government for the rest of FY 2018. The law increases funding for both the NEA and NEH by $3 million.

**May 15, 2018**—The House Appropriations Interior-Environment subcommittee unanimously approves legislation to fund the Endowments at $155 million each for FY 2019. This is a $2.1 million increase in funding—fully rejecting the termination proposal sought by the administration—and matches the unified ask that Americans for the Arts and more than 85 national arts and arts education organizations made at Arts Advocacy Day in March.

**June 6, 2018**—The House Appropriations Committee approves the legislation funding the NEA and NEH at $155 million.

**June 12, 2018**—The Senate Appropriations Interior-Environment subcommittee approves legislation to fund the Endowments at $155 million each.

**June 14, 2018**—The Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously approves legislation funding the NEA and NEH at $155 million.

**July 18, 2018**—The U.S. House of Representatives soundly defeated an amendment that would have cut funding the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) by 15%. The House voted down the Grothman amendment (Roll Call 345) by a vote of 114 – 297.

**July 19, 2018**—The House passes legislation funding the NEA and NEH at the $155 million-level approved by the Appropriations Committee. The report accompanying the bill includes language to commemorate the late Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY) by encouraging NEA and NEH to expand grantmaking activities in a manner that honors her advocacy, especially in rural and under-served areas, so more Americans are able to benefit from the economic, social, and educational impacts of the arts and humanities.

**August 1, 2018**—The Senate overwhelmingly passes an appropriations bill that includes $155 million for the Endowments.

**February 14, 2019**—After a 35-day partial government shutdown and negotiations to finish the FY 2019 appropriations process and address border security, Congress overwhelmingly passes a bill that funds the Endowments at $155 million each. President Trump signs the bill into law the following day.