



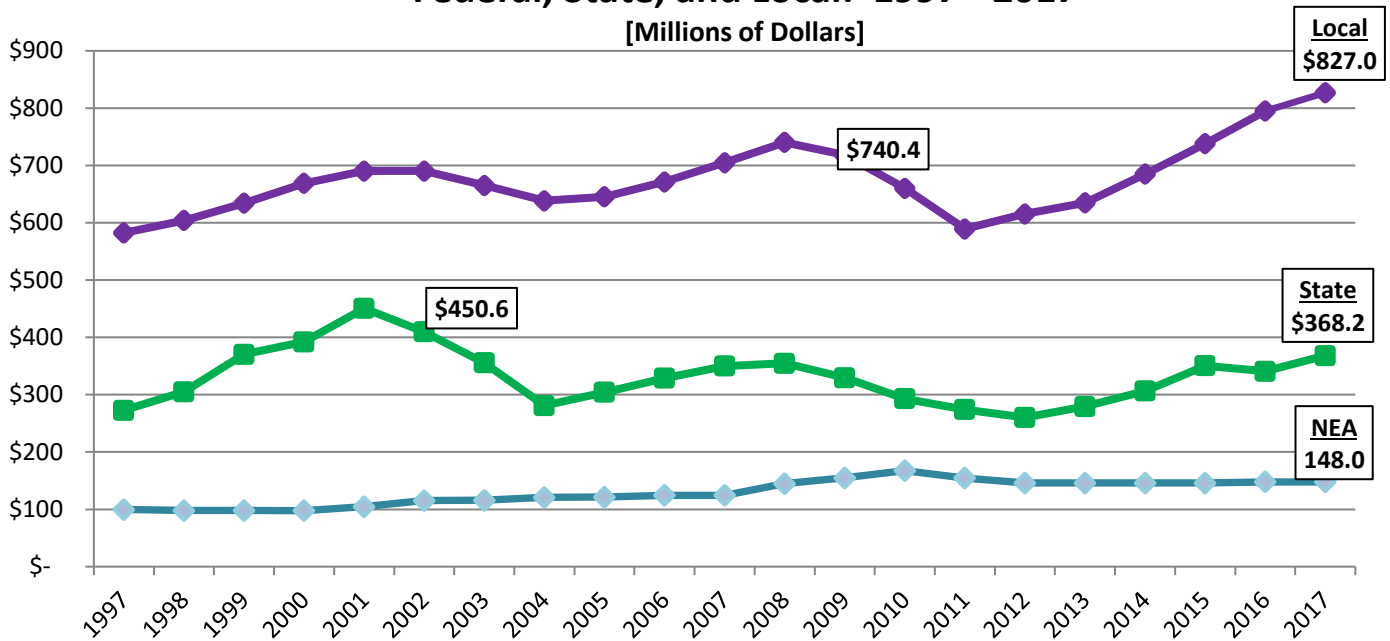
Arts Facts . . . Government Funding to Arts Agencies

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Government Funding to Arts Agencies

Federal, State, and Local: 1997 - 2017

[Millions of Dollars]



- **Local** government funding to their Local Arts Agencies increased for the sixth consecutive year in 2017 to an estimated \$827.0 million, up from \$795.1 in 2016 (+4 percent). These increases followed a four-year decline in funding resulting from the Great Recession. This local estimate is conservative as it is based on only the 1,127 respondents from the 2015 Local Arts Agency Census. There are an estimated 4,500 local arts agencies in the U.S.
(\$827.0 million = \$2.56 per capita)
- **State** legislative arts appropriations increased in FY2017, after a slight drop in FY2016, from \$340.9 million to \$368.2 million (+8.0 percent). 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).
(\$368.2million = \$1.14 per capita)
- **Federal** appropriations to the National Endowment for the Arts remained at \$148.0 million in 2017, after receiving a \$2 million increase in 2016. The 2017 level of funding remains lower than the 2010 appropriation level of \$167.5 million.
(\$148.0 million = 45 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 2017. Updated February 2017