Did you know, in 2016 alone, the NEA awarded a total of $893,300 in federal grant money to eight nonprofit and governmental arts organizations throughout the state of Oklahoma?

These grants worked to enhance access to the arts for all, especially in underserved rural and inner-city areas. Of this NEA funding, more than $700,000 went to the Oklahoma Arts Council. The state then matched these federal funds and awarded grants to over 200 arts organizations across Oklahoma.

In recent years, three organizations in the Lawton-Norman area received grants directly from the NEA, totaling $74,938.

**Congratulations to these organizations in our community:**

East Central University

Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra

University of Oklahoma Norman Campus