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## Federal Investment and the Arts in New England

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Federal Investment from the National Endowment for the Arts Creates a Thriving New England

- In FY16, the **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) invested \$5,648,200 in New England** through partnership grants to **New England's six state arts agencies** and their regional partner **the New England Foundation for the Arts**. All NEA partners are required to match these grants 1:1, further amplifying the reach and impact of these dollars.
- In FY16, **New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) programs alone made 462 grants totaling just over \$3.4 million**, with support from the NEA and private foundations.
- NEFA awarded **\$829,947 in grants to artists and cultural organizations in 81 unique communities in all six [New England states](#)**.
- Support from the National Endowment for the Arts enables NEFA to convene and provide networking and employment tools to artists and organizations in New England. **CreativeGround.org**, NEFA's arts directory, **features profiles for 30,000 creative businesses and artists in New England, including 14,813 registered nonprofit cultural organizations**.
- From the 2011 NEFA report, [New England's Creative Economy: Nonprofit Sector Impact](#), we learned that **in New England, every \$1 spent by a nonprofit cultural organization became \$2.30 in sales for businesses across the region, and every job provided became 1.6 jobs for workers across the region**.
- The 2011 report revealed that New England's nonprofit cultural organizations **spent nearly \$3.7 billion, supported over 53,000 full and part-time jobs, and generated a total economic impact on the New England economy of over \$8 billion**.

The Arts Power the U.S. Economy

- The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that **arts and cultural production contributes more than \$704.2 billion to the nation's economy**. This equates to **4.23% of GDP**, which is greater than construction (\$619.8 billion) or transportation and warehousing (\$483.5 billion).
- **Arts and culture support 4.7 million wage and salary workers and many more independent jobs**.
- In FY17, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) budget was \$148 million representing just 0.025% of federal nondefense discretionary spending. **Every NEA grant dollar leverages another \$9 in public and private support**.
- **40% of all NEA program funds**—approximately \$41.2 million in FY 2017—are distributed through state arts agencies. In combination with approximately \$360 million in state appropriations, the federal-state partnership **supports more than 23,000 grants in 5,000 communities across the United States, with 26% of state arts agency grants going to rural communities**.
- Combined, National Endowment for the Arts and partners at State Arts Agencies and Regional Arts Organizations such as NEFA grant awards that reach **all 435 federal congressional districts**.