



With a New England States Touring (NEST) support, Firstworks, in Providence, presented Lee Mixashawn Rozie, of Hartford, CT. Photo courtesy of Lee Mixashawn Rozie's CreativeGround profile.



NEW ENGLAND FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

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Supporting the Creative Sector in Rhode Island

The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) invests in the arts to enrich communities in New England and beyond. NEFA serves as a regional partner for the National Endowment for the Arts, New England's state arts agencies, and private foundations.

With support from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, NEFA's programs support artists and communities through:

- » **GRANTS**
to artists and cultural organizations to create and tour work
- » **CREATIVEGROUND**
New England's online creative community, connecting over 2,300 of Rhode Island's artists, cultural organizations, and creative businesses to each other and the region
- » **CREATIVE COMMUNITIES EXCHANGE & IDEA SWAP**
convenings that bring peers and projects together across state lines
- » **CREATIVE ECONOMY RESEARCH**
case-making data and networking



NEFA's Impact in Rhode Island

FY20 NEFA Grants to Artists & Organizations

- Claudia Flynn** South Kingstown
- Common Fence Music** Middletown
- Elephant JANE Dance** Wakefield
- Everett: Company, Stage & School** Providence*
- Festival Ballet Providence** Providence
- FirstWorks** Providence*
- Lauren Difede** Newport
- NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley** Woonsocket*
- Orlando Hernández** Pawtucket
- Shey Rivera** Providence
- Shura Baryshnikov** Providence
- The Steel Yard** Providence

*received multiple grants in FY20.

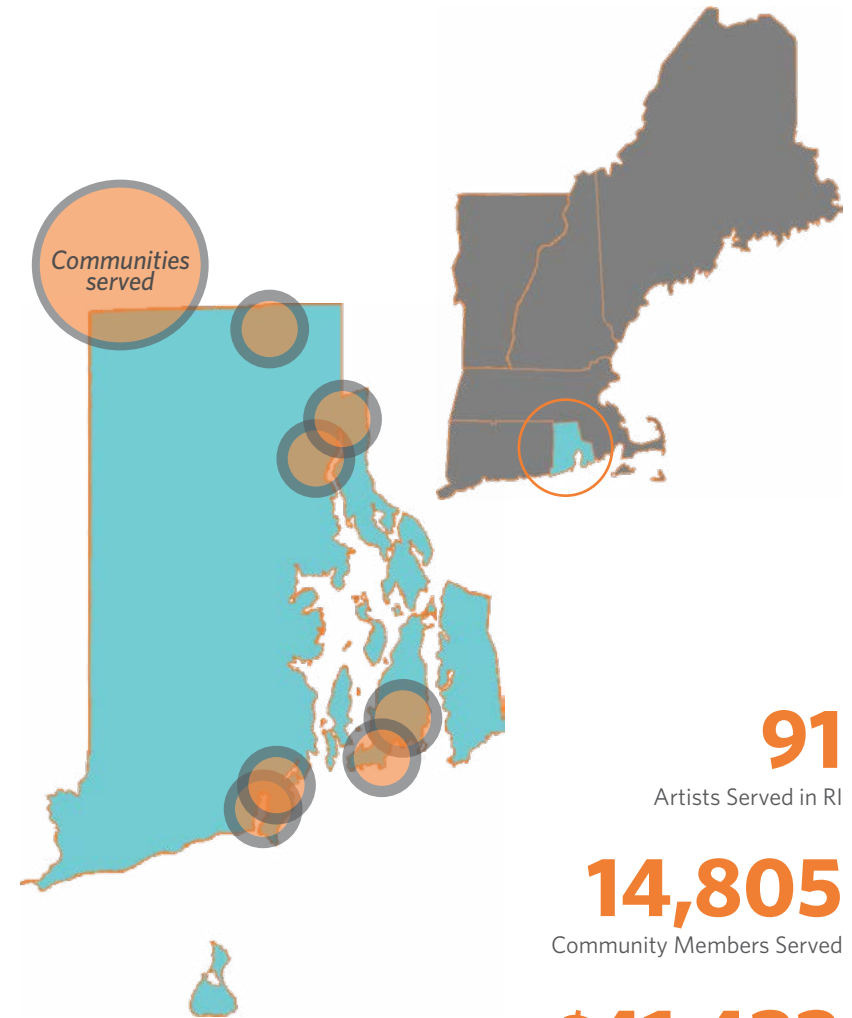


NEFA Joins State Arts Agency Partners in Artist Relief

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, NEFA granted \$285,330 from the risk reserve fund to support emergency relief funds at the six state arts agencies of New England in the initial phase of the pandemic. In Rhode Island, the \$48,110 grant reached beyond both NEFA's and Rhode Island State Council on the Arts' traditional constituent base, providing timely support to 88 additional Rhode Island artists.

View additional resources at nefa.org/COVID-19.

Marsha Parilla; photo by Ernesto Galán



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Artists Served in RI

14,805

Community Members Served

\$41,433

Total Amount Leveraged

\$96,111

Total Amount Granted by NEFA

NEFA & RHODE ISLAND IN **FY20**