

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT | April 2024

FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

FEDERAL: FY24 budget approved with NEA, NEH & Funding for Arts Agency reinstated (see below)

STATE: FY25 budget recommendations await the governor’s review and approval.

LOCAL: The City did not allocate additional funds for the FY24 Cultural Grant program in their FY24 budget. In September, as part of its annual program plan update, COCA submitted a request with the County, with the City copied, to use TDT for a portion of its general operating support, then re-grant that portion of general operating revenue through the FY24 Cultural Grant program. This request aligned with the County contract and the Cultural Plan. The plan has been resubmitted twice and has been under review for months, with the latest version provided to the County on February 16.

FY24 FEDERAL BUDGET RESULTS

Key Federally Funded Arts Programs & Agencies	Final Enacted FY'23 Funding 10/1/22 - 9/30/23	President Biden's FY'24 Budget 10/1/23- 9/30/24	U.S. House FY'24 Approved Appropriations in Sub/Full Committee	U.S. Senate FY'24 Approved Appropriations in Sub/Full Committee	Final Enacted * FY'24 Funding 10/1/23 - 9/30/24
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	\$207 million	\$211 million	\$186.3 million	\$207 million	\$207 million
National Endowment for Humanities (NEH)	\$207 million	\$211 million	\$186.3 million	\$207 million	\$207 million
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)	\$294.8 million	\$294.8 million	\$294.8 million	\$290 million	\$294.8 million
Corporation for Public Broadcasting	\$535 million	\$575 million	\$0.00	\$535 million	\$535 million
Assistance for Arts Education	\$36.5 million	\$36.5 million	\$0.00	\$30 million	\$36.5 Million
Education: Title IV-A (Student Support & Academic Enrich Grants)	\$1.38 billion	\$1.4 billion	\$1.38 billion	\$1.4 billion	\$1.38 billion
Smithsonian Institution (Salaries & Expenses)	\$892.8 million	\$976 million	\$852.2 million	\$896.8 million	\$892.8 million
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts	\$45.4 million	\$48 million	\$30 million	\$45.3 million	\$44.9 million
National Gallery of Art	\$209 million	\$221 million	\$178 million	\$209 million	\$209.2 million
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum	\$65.2 million	\$67 million	\$67 million	\$65.2 million	\$65.2 million
Save America’s Treasures	\$26.5 million	\$26.5 million	\$26.5 million	\$26.5 million	\$25.5 million
Commission of Fine Arts	\$3.7 million	\$4 million	\$3.46 million	\$3.7 million	\$3.7 million
National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs	\$5 million	\$5 million	\$4.75 million	\$5 million	\$5 million
Education Title I-A (educ. for disadvantaged kids)	\$18.39 billion	\$20.5 billion	\$3.7 billion	\$18.6 billion	\$18.39 billion
Education Title II-A (professional development)	\$2.19 billion	\$2.19 billion	\$0.00	\$2.19 billion	\$2.19 billion
Community Arts Engagement DoD	N/A	N/A	\$10 million	<i>Not Included</i>	\$10 million
Community Arts Engagement VA	\$5 million	N/A	\$5 million + \$5million	<i>Not Included</i>	\$5 million + \$5 million

OTHER FEDERAL: ARTS + SOCIAL IMPACT EXPLORER <https://ww2.americansforthearts.org/explorer>

Ongoing Creative Economy Legislation:

- **AEAF/Arts Education for All Act** (HR 5581) supports universal arts ed from pre-K through 12th grade.
- **CREATE Act** (HR 6381 / S.3521) aligns policy to serve those that make our creative economy prosper.
- **PLACE Act** (HR 6569 / S.3560) bolsters local creative economies and workers in creative industries.
- **CERA/Creative Economy Revitalization Act** (HR 5019 / S. 2858) grants-creative workers/public projects.
- **PATPA/Performing Artist Tax Parity Act of 2021** (S. 2872) for arts workers to deduct business expenses.
- **21CFWP/21st Century Federal Writers Project Act** (HR 3054) will authorize a new grant program & create a nationally administered archives for the commissioned writing.
- **STAR/Saving Transit Arts Resources Act** (HR 2380) local transit authorities control art/non-functional landscaping in federally funded transit projects and historical/heritage.