Nationwide, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the arts. Thanks to historic investments, the NEA is helping the arts and cultural sector to recover, rebuild, and reopen. In 2020:

- Arts and cultural production in Arizona added 2.6% or $9.6 billion to the state’s economy.
- Arizona’s arts and cultural industries employed 79,005 workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over $5.6 billion.

GRANTS TO THE STATE

Over a five-year period (FY 2017-2021), the NEA distributed $12,066,195 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.

The Arts Endowment awarded 150 direct grants throughout Arizona over the past 5 years, totaling $11,343,307. These direct grants included:

- The Litchfield Park Native American Fine Arts Festival
- Performance and sound workshops at Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind
- Arts workshops for youth in schools, treatment centers, and correctional facilities in Phoenix

NEA NATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE STATE

In addition to offering direct grants, the NEA supports national initiatives benefiting people across the country.

Blue Star Museums program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at 69 participating museums in Arizona.

Poetry Out Loud program provided opportunities for an average of 5,980 students per year attending 93 unique high schools in Arizona to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

The NEA Big Read program generated 20 community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than 1,053 adults and students in Arizona.