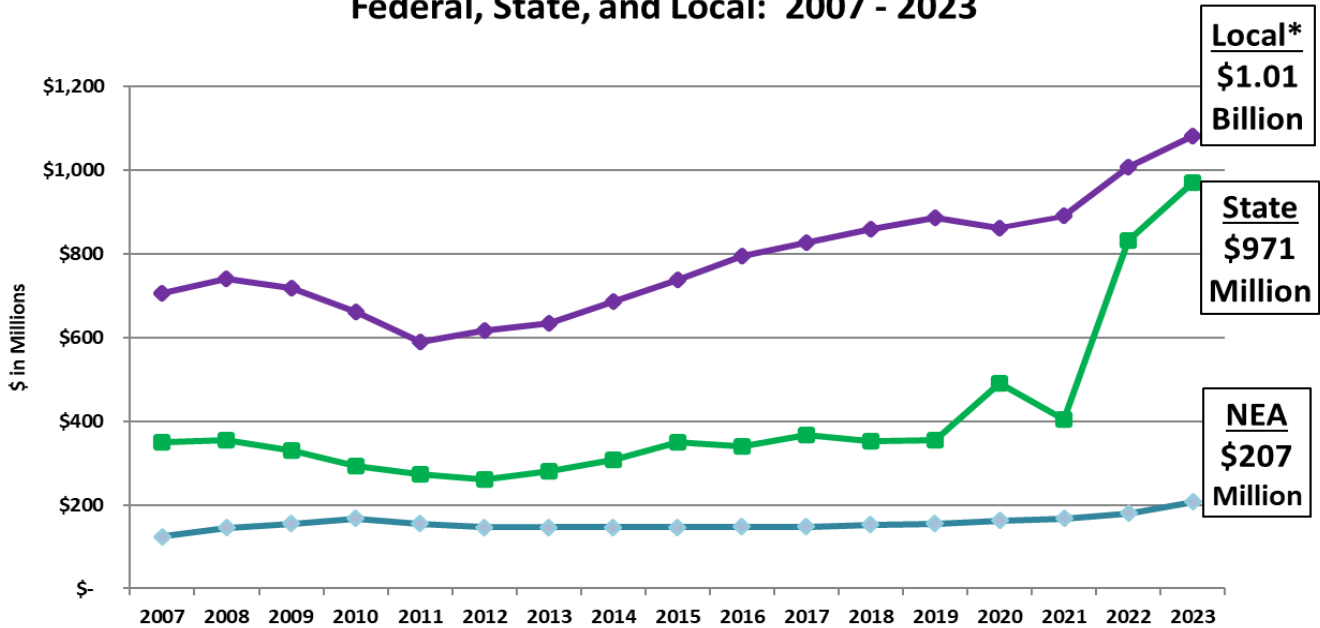




Arts Facts . . . Government Funding to Arts Agencies

In 2023, federal, state, and local government funding to their arts agencies increased to historically high levels. NEA funding increased from \$180 million to \$207 million in 2023.

Government Funding to Arts Agencies Federal, State, and Local: 2007 - 2023



Source: Americans for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, National Endowment for the Arts, 2023. (*Estimated)

- Local** government funding to local arts agencies is an estimated \$1.01 billion in 2023, a 7.5% increase from 2022. Pandemic relief funding may be the source for much of the increase and it remains to be seen how much will be sustained in the future. There are an estimated 4,500 local arts agencies in the U.S. (\$1.01 billion = \$3.24 per capita)
- State** legislative arts appropriations grew 17% to \$971 million in 2023, up from \$833 million in 2022. The rapid growth since 2021 is likely temporary as many states used an influx from state revenues and federal pandemic relief to support the arts. (\$971 million = \$2.91 per capita)
- Federal** appropriations to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) increased to \$207 million in 2023, its highest level ever (up from \$180 million in 2022). When accounting for decades of inflation, however, the 2023 figure has nowhere near the same real dollar value of earlier appropriation levels. For example, if the NEA's 1992 budget had remained constant and was only adjusted for inflation, it would be \$377 million in 2023, instead of \$207 million—a \$170 million difference. (\$207 million = 62 cents per capita)

Note: These figures are limited to government funding directly to the NEA, state arts agencies, and local arts agencies. They may not represent the full breadth of government funding, such as legislative line items to culture organizations, facilities, or arts funding by non-arts government agencies.

Sources: Americans for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, and U.S. Census Bureau, 2023.