



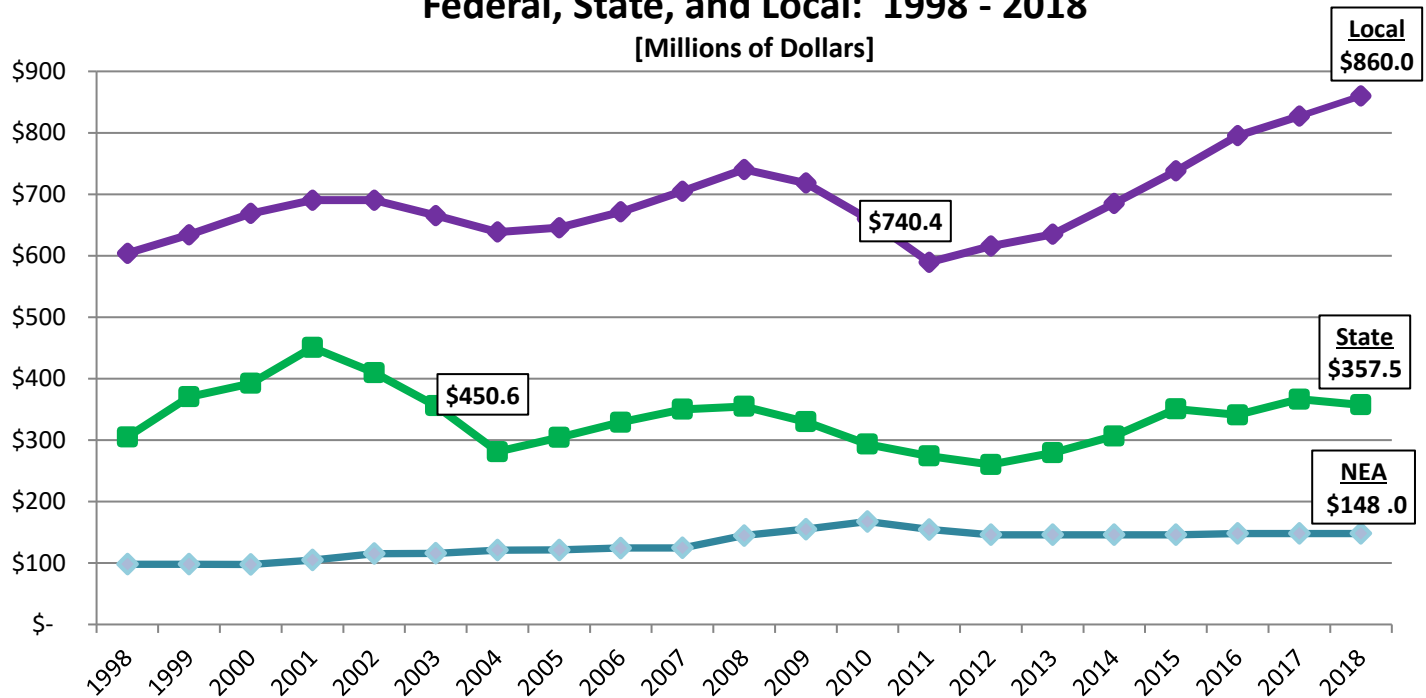
Arts Facts . . . Government Funding to Arts Agencies

In 2018, NEA funding remained flat while state appropriations decreased slightly, and local government arts funding increased for the seventh consecutive year.

Government Funding to Arts Agencies

Federal, State, and Local: 1998 - 2018

[Millions of Dollars]



Source: Americans for the Arts, 2018.

- Local** government funding to their Local Arts Agencies increased for the sixth consecutive year in 2018 to an estimated \$860.0 million, up from \$827.0 in 2017 (+4 percent). These increases followed a four-year decline in funding resulting from the Great Recession. This is a conservative estimate based on the 1,127 respondents from the 2015 Local Arts Agency Census. There are an estimated 4,500 local arts agencies in the U.S. (\$860.0 million = \$2.63 per capita)
- State** legislative arts appropriations decreased slightly in FY2018, from \$366.3 million to \$357.5 million (-2.4 percent). State arts funding had record growth in the late 1990s, reaching a high of \$450.6 million in 2001, followed by a precipitous drop to \$281.0 million by 2004 (-38 percent). (\$357.5 million = \$1.09 per capita)
- Federal** appropriations to the National Endowment for the Arts remained at \$148.0 million in 2018, after receiving a \$2 million increase in 2016. The 2018 level of funding remains lower than the 2010 appropriation level of \$167.5 million. (\$148.0 million = 45 cents per capita)

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

Sources: Americans for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, 2018. Updated February 2018