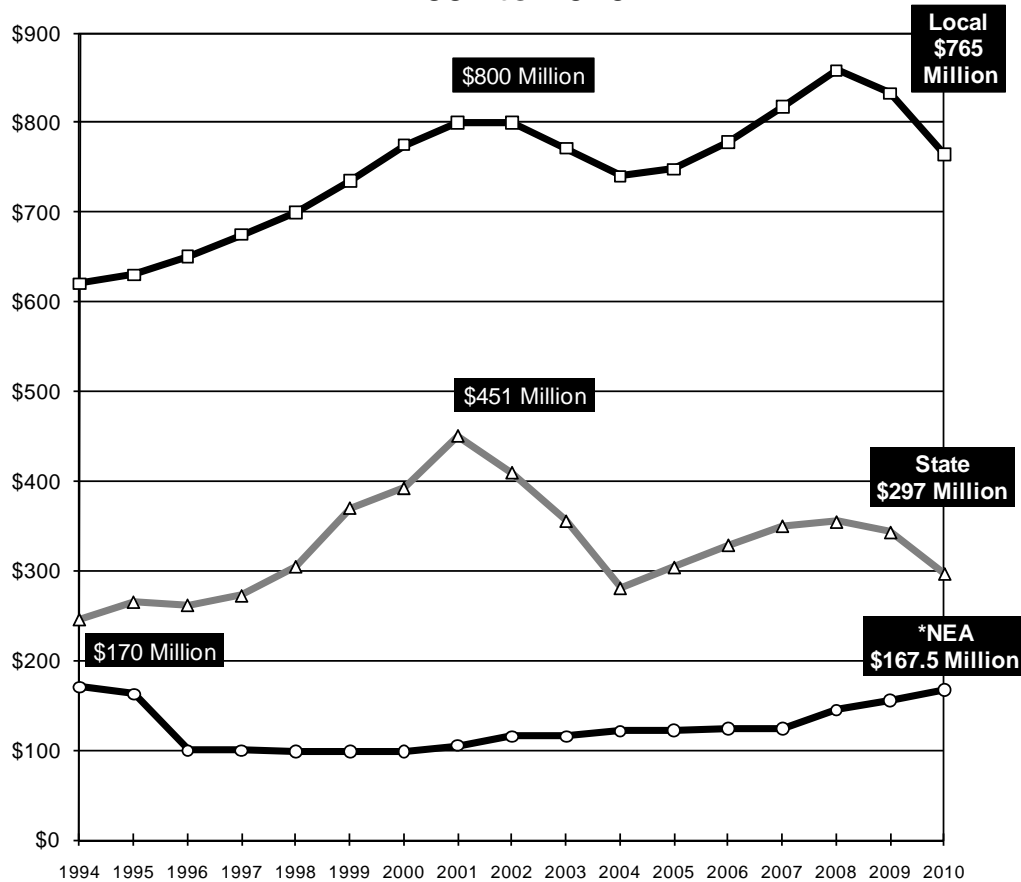




Arts Facts . . . Government Arts Funding

In 2010, local and state government fell an estimated 8 and 10 percent, respectively. NEA funding increased and was augmented by an additional \$50 million in jobs funding from The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Government Support for the Arts Federal, State and Local 1994 to 2010



- Estimated **local** government arts funding declined for a second consecutive year—down 8 percent, from \$832 million to \$765 million. 2008 was a high-water mark with nearly \$860 million in funding.
- **State** legislative arts appropriations continued to decrease—dropping 10 percent to \$297 million in 2010. State arts funding, which tracks closely with the economy, had record growth in the late 1990's—reaching a high of \$451 million in 2001—followed by a precipitous drop to \$281 million by 2004 (38 percent decrease).
- In 2010, the **National Endowment for the Arts** received an increase in Congressional appropriations, up 8 percent from \$155 million to \$167.5 million. This continues a 10-year upward trend in federal funding for the arts, but still falls short of the historical high point of \$176 million in 1992.

*Excludes \$50 million in funding to support jobs in the arts from The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009, which was distributed by National Endowment for the Arts.

Source: Americans for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, 2010.