WHY THE ARTS MATTER IN WASHINGTON

**WASHINGTON ARTS FACTS**

**ARTS & CULTURE FOR-PROFIT & NON-PROFIT SECTORS REPRESENT**

$72.9 BILLION Arts & Culture

$27.5 B Construction

$15.6 B Transportation

The Washington arts and culture sector was a $72.9 billion industry in 2021 (10.8% of the state's GDP), representing 187,196 jobs (5.2% of Washington's workforce), and total compensation of $33.9 billion.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis & National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, 2023 (2021 data collected during the pandemic)

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NON-PROFIT ARTS INDUSTRY ONLY & THEIR AUDIENCES**

**Tacoma, WA**

$74.6 M Economic activity annually

$14 M State and local government revenue generated

Audiences of 2.7 million people added another $62.6 million in related spending for a total of $137.2 million for the city in 2015.

Source: Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity 5, Tacoma report, 2017

**FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

Federal Appropriation FY23: $207 Million

SBA SVOG Grants FY21-22: $13 Billion

Congress allocated $207 million to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in FY23. This amounts to just 62 cents per capita. Ideally, Congress should index $1 per capita funding to the NEA.

Source: Americans for the Arts Action Fund, 2023.

View the Top 10 Reasons to Support the Arts HERE

**PUBLIC FUNDING RECEIVED FOR WASHINGTON ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR**

State Appropriation FY23: $5,262,000

NEA State Grant FY23: $983,800

NEA Direct Grants FY22: $3,184,000

SBA SVOG Grants FY21-22: $325,096,159

Source: NEA, SBA, NASAA, 2023

As of 4/4/2023

**NATIONAL ARTS FACTS**

**ARTS & CULTURE FOR-PROFIT & NON-PROFIT SECTORS REPRESENT**

4.4% Nation's GDP

4.85M Jobs

$1.016 TRILLION Arts & Culture

$945.3 B Construction

$378.4 B Utilities

The national arts and culture sector was a $1.016 trillion industry in 2021 (4.4% of the nation's GDP), representing 4.85 million jobs (3.2% of nation's workforce), and total compensation of $504.2 billion.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis & National Endowment for the Arts, 2023 (2021 data collected during the pandemic)

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NON-PROFIT ARTS INDUSTRY ONLY & THEIR AUDIENCES**

National

$166.3 B Economic activity annually

$27.5 B Federal, state, and local government revenue generated

Spending by arts audiences generated $102.5 billion to local businesses.

Source: Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity 5, 2017 (New data coming Oct 2023)
Washington Creative Forces Summit II – Healing in Community will be aimed at arts organizations and individuals interested in working with and improving knowledge of our target military population grappling with Post Traumatic Stress or Traumatic Brain Injury.

THE WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION—Established in 1961, the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) is a catalyst for the arts, advancing the role of the arts in the lives of individuals and communities throughout the state.

Executive Director: Karen Hanan
Chair: Justin Raffa

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Humanities Washington
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Washington Art Education Association
waeaboard.net
Washington Filmworks
washingtonfilmworks.org
ArtsEd Washington
artsedwashington.org
Washington Museum Association
washingtonmuseumassociation.org
Washington State Historical Society
washingtonhistory.org
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Executive Director: Manuel Cawaling
Chair: Josh LeBelle

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THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE

- Start in Port Townsend, the coolest coastal town in the state. Experience Centrum's jazz and literary arts, the Port Townsend Film Festival, and the Port Townsend Creative District.
- Hit Bellingham's picturesque Fairhaven District and enjoy the Arts & Music Festival and one of the best selections of microbrews in the state.
- In Central Washington, Twisp is a small mountain town with big arts appeal. Explore the Twisp Creative District, take a tour of TwispWorks, or enjoy a show at The Merc Playhouse.
- In Eastern Washington, Spokane hosts a citywide Arts Month in October, and is the home of the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture.
- Head Southwest to the Maryhill Museum of Art, overlooking the beautiful Columbia River Gorge.
- Tacoma's Museum District is a jewel of the South Sound. You can explore six premier museums, including the State History Museum, the Tacoma Art Museum, the Museum of Glass, the LeMay Car Museum, the Foss Waterway Museum, and the Children's Museum of Tacoma.

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