

**National Endowment for the Arts  
Cooperative Agreements—Fiscal Year 2019**

The National Endowment for the Arts works with other federal agencies, state and local governments, state and regional arts agencies, and private nonprofits on strategic leadership projects that fulfill the agency’s mission but require additional expertise and/or management capacity. These initiatives focus on specific objectives, such as:

- access to creative arts therapies (example: Creative Forces);
- opportunities for the arts to be integrated into the fabric of community life (example: Mayors’ Institute on City Design)
- opportunities for the American people to engage with the arts (example: Poetry Out Loud);
- opportunities for the American people to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts at all stages of life (example: Arts Education Partnership);
- expanding and promoting evidence of the value and impact of the arts for the benefit of the American people (example: Research Labs).

These multi-year awards are carried out through cooperative agreements. A cooperative agreement is different from a grant in that the Arts Endowment is substantially involved with the awardee in the direction and accomplishment of the project. Following are the cooperative agreements awarded in FY 2019.

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**Americans for the Arts, Inc.**

**Washington, DC**

**Congressional District- Washington, DC- 01**

\$5,244,000

To support the Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network, an initiative that supports access to creative arts therapies at military and veteran medical facilities nationwide, increased community-based arts opportunities for military and veteran family populations around clinical site locations, and capacity-building efforts and investments in research on the impacts and benefits of these treatment methods.

**American Theatre Wing Inc.**

**New York, NY**

**Congressional District- NY-10**

\$160,000

To support the Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students, including regional judging, finalists' workshops and mentoring, and recording and broadcast of the finalists’ songs.

**Conference of Mayors Research and Education Foundation (U.S. Conference of Mayors)  
Washington, DC**

**Congressional District- Washington, DC- 01**

\$450,000

To support the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD), a program that brings mayors of American cities together with design professionals in multi-day workshops.

**Drexel University**

**Philadelphia, PA**

**Congressional District- PA- 03**

\$300,000

To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on The Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being.

**Education Commission of the States**

**Denver, CO**

**Congressional District-CO- 01**

\$1,000,000

To support a national network and training services; task force meetings; and research, documentation, and publication activities of the Arts Education Partnership (AEP). (Supported via the National Endowment for the Arts and the Department of Education.)

**Housing Assistance Council (HAC)**

**Washington, DC**

**Congressional District- Washington, DC- 01**

\$350,000

To support the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD), which enhances the quality of life and economic viability of smalltowns and rural communities through planning, design assistance, and creativeplacemaking activities.

**Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Inc.**

**Baltimore, MD**

**Congressional District- MD- 07**

\$300,000

To support Performing Arts Global Exchange, a new pilot subgranting program designed to provide broader access to the work of international artists and arts forms less frequently seen outside of major urban centers in the United States.

**Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Inc.**

**Baltimore, MD**

**Congressional District- MD- 07**

\$435,000

To support USArtists International (USAI), a program showcasing the excellence, diversity, and vitality of U.S. artists and arts organizations at international arts markets and other significant cultural events around the world.

**Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Inc.  
Baltimore, MD**

**Congressional District- MD- 07**

\$202,000

To support the coordination and administration of the 2020 national finals of the National Endowment for the Arts' Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest.

**National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)**

**Washington, DC**

**Congressional District- Washington, DC- 01**

\$420,700

To support services and research for and about state arts agencies and regional arts organizations.

**National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA)**

**Silver Spring, MD**

**Congressional District- MD- 08**

\$358,500

To support the production and management of public events for the National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship Program.

**Regents of the University of California at San Diego**

**La Jolla, CA**

**Congressional District CA- 52**

\$150,000

To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on The Arts, Creativity, Cognition, and Learning.

**San Francisco Jazz Organization (SFJAZZ)**

**San Francisco, CA**

**Congressional District-CA- 12**

\$425,000

To support facilitation and coordination of the 2020 NEA Jazz Masters Tribute Concert and ancillary activities.

**Sundance Institute**

**Park City, UT**

**Congressional District-UT- 01**

\$100,000

To support the Documentary Sustainability Project, a pilot program aimed at strengthening the documentary filmmaking field through knowledge exchange, cross-sector collaboration, and research.

**Texas Tech University**

**Lubbock, TX**

**Congressional District TX-19**

\$146,923

To support a National Endowment for the Arts Research Lab on The Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being.

**University of Colorado Denver**

**Aurora, CO**

**Congressional District- CO-06**

\$150,000

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**William Marsh Rice University (Rice University)**

**Houston, TX**

**Congressional District- TX-07**

\$150,000

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