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**History of Authorizations
and Appropriations
through FY 1980**



National Endowment for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency, created by Congress in 1965 to encourage and assist the nation's cultural progress. The goal of the Endowment is the fostering of professional excellence of the arts in America, to nurture and sustain them, and equally to help create a climate in which they may flourish so they may be experienced and enjoyed by the widest possible public.

To fulfill this intent the Endowment receives annual appropriations from the United States Congress from which it awards fellowships to individual artists and matching grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations. The legislation establishing the Endowment also provides for donations of tax deductible gifts and bequests from the private sector to a special Treasury Fund which is used to support Endowment approved projects.

	Arts Authorization	Arts Appropriation	Administrative
Fiscal 1966			
Program Funds	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 727,000*
Treasury Fund**	<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>34,308</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 7,250,000	\$ 2,534,308	
Fiscal 1967			
Program Funds	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,019,500*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	2,750,000	2,000,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(7,750,000)	(6,000,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>1,965,692</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 7,965,692	
Fiscal 1968			
Program Funds	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 1,200,000*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	2,750,000	2,000,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(7,750,000)	(6,500,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>674,291</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 7,174,291	
Fiscal 1969			
Program Funds	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 1,400,000*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	2,000,000	1,700,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(8,000,000)	(5,400,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>3,375,000</u>	<u>2,356,875</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 11,375,000	\$ 7,756,875	
Fiscal 1970			
Program Funds	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 1,610,000*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	2,500,000	2,000,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(9,000,000)	(6,250,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>3,375,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 12,375,000	\$ 8,250,000	

	Arts Authorization	Arts Appropriation	Administrative
Fiscal 1971			
Program Funds	\$ 12,875,000	\$ 8,465,000	\$ 2,660,000*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	4,125,000	4,125,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(17,000,000)	(12,590,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 15,090,000	
Fiscal 1972			
Program Funds	\$ 21,000,000	\$ 20,750,000	\$ 3,460,000*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	5,500,000	5,500,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(26,500,000)	(26,250,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 29,750,000	
Fiscal 1973			
Program Funds	\$ 28,625,000	\$ 27,825,000	\$ 5,314,000*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	6,875,000	6,875,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(35,500,000)	(34,700,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>4,500,000</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 40,000,000	\$ 38,200,000	
Fiscal 1974			
Program Funds	\$ 54,000,000	\$ 46,025,000	\$ 6,500,000*
State Arts Agencies (bloc)	11,000,000	8,250,000	
(Subtotal—Program Funds)	(65,000,000)	(54,275,000)	
Treasury Fund**	<u>7,500,000</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$ 72,500,000	\$ 60,775,000	
Fiscal 1975			
Program Funds***	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 67,250,000	\$ 10,783,000*
Treasury Fund**	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>7,500,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$100,000,000	\$ 74,750,000	
Fiscal 1976			
Program Funds***	\$113,500,000	\$ 74,500,000	\$ 10,910,000*
Treasury Fund**	<u>12,500,000</u>	<u>7,500,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	\$126,000,000	\$ 82,000,000	
Transition Quarter			
July 1, 1976-September 30, 1976			
Program Funds***	—	\$ 33,437,000	\$ 2,727,000*
Treasury Fund**	—	<u>500,000</u>	
Total Funds for Programming	—	\$ 33,937,000	
Fiscal 1977			
Program Funds***	\$ 93,500,000	\$ 77,500,000	\$ 11,743,000*
Treasury Fund**	10,000,000	7,500,000	
Challenge Grants**	12,000,000	9,000,000	
Photo/Film Project	<u>4,000,000</u>	—	
Total Funds for Programming	\$119,500,000	\$ 94,000,000	

	Arts Authorization	Arts Appropriation	Administrative
Fiscal 1978			
Program Funds***	\$105,000,000	\$ 89,100,000	
Treasury Fund**	12,500,000	7,500,000	
Challenge Grants**	18,000,000	18,000,000	
Photo/Film Project	2,000,000	—	
Administrative Funds	such sums as necessary		8,900,000
Total Funds	\$137,500,000	\$123,500,000	

Fiscal 1979			
Program Funds***		102,160,000	
Treasury Funds**		7,500,000	
Challenge Grants**		30,000,000	
Administrative Funds			9,775,000
Total Funds	such sums as necessary	\$149,435,000	

Fiscal 1980			
Program Funds***		\$ 97,000,000	
Treasury Fund**		18,500,000	
Challenge Grants**		26,900,000	
Administrative Funds			12,000,000
Total Funds	such sums as necessary	\$154,400,000	

* These funds were jointly provided to the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities until the two agencies were administratively separated in 1978.

** Federal funds appropriated by Congress to match non-federal donations to the Endowments.

***Not less than 20% of Program Funds are required to go to State Arts Agencies and Regional Arts Groups.

Fiscal 1980 Allocations by Program

(\$ in Thousands)

Artists-in-Schools	\$ 5,220.0	Music	13,545.0
Dance	8,020.0	Opera-Musical Theater	5,575.0
Design Arts	3,645.0	Partnership Coordination	663.6
Evaluation	300.0	Research	665.0
Expansion Arts	8,095.0	Special Constituencies	460.0
Folk Arts	2,255.0	Special Projects	3,890.0
International/Fellows	360.0	State Programs	22,096.4
Literature	4,705.0	Theater	8,390.0
Media Arts	9,115.0	Visual Arts	7,145.0
Museums	11,355.0		

Total Federal Funds \$115,500.0