



# PENNSYLVANIA'S ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Pennsylvania currently sits at 33rd nationally in per capita spending on state arts agencies at just \$.82 per capita, according to the NASAA State Arts Agency Revenue Report.**

*This is significantly lower than our neighboring states of Maryland (\$5.59/4th), Delaware (\$4.73/8th), Ohio (\$2.09/16th), New Jersey (\$3.59/7th), and New York (\$5.63/3rd).*

**An increase to \$15,000,000 to the FY2024-25 appropriation would increase our per capita spending to \$1.16, ranking us 26th.**

*Still well below the spending of our neighbors, but will double the quality of life investment we make to each PA resident.*

Though the Appropriations line item for grants for the arts has been a flat \$9.59 million since 2015, these investments have not kept up with the cost of living. That means commonwealth residents have lost **\$2.86 Million in dollars for arts and culture around the state, and our cultural groups feel it.** Our arts support is shrinking every year.

The recent American Rescue Plan funds allocated to Culture Preservation Grants for arts groups in Pennsylvania was overwhelmed. **DCED received requests in excess of \$800 million with only \$15 million to distribute.**

***Starting today, we ask for your support as we begin a March to \$15 Million in support of the Arts in our Commonwealth. As economic drivers, job creators, and community builders, this investment will continue to make our work possible.***