

National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) support our cultural heritage, including efforts by communities around the country to tell a fuller American story and engage people with history in compelling ways.

Background

The NEA provides Americans in every congressional district the opportunity to experience and participate in the arts. Since 1965, NEA has awarded more than \$5.5 billion in grants, which have been distributed in all fifty states. Each dollar of federal investment leverages up to \$9 in private and other public funds. The NEH has distributed more than \$5.6 billion through more than 64,000 grants for education, research, preservation, and other public programs in the humanities.



In 2021, the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in Catskill, New York, received \$35,000 from NEA Grants for Arts to support an exhibition and catalogue of Thomas Cole's later works. The exhibit will open during the 2022 season. Cole (1801-1848) founded the first major art movement in the United States, now known as the Hudson River School.

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FY 2023 Appropriations Request

Please support \$201 million for the National Endowment for the Arts and \$201 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities in the FY 2023 Interior Appropriations bill.

National Endowment for the Arts

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

AGENCY: National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities

ACCOUNT: National Endowment for the Arts

ACTIVITY: Grants and Administration

Recent Funding History:

FY 2020 Enacted Funding:	\$162.25 million
FY 2021 Enacted Funding:	\$167.50 million
FY 2022 Enacted Funding:	\$180.00 million
FY 2023 President's Budget Request:	\$203.55 million
FY 2023 NTHP Recommendation:	\$201.00 million

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Recent Funding History:

FY 2020 Enacted Funding:	\$162.25 million
FY 2021 Enacted Funding:	\$167.50 million
FY 2022 Enacted Funding:	\$180.00 million
FY 2023 President's Budget Request:	\$200.68 million
FY 2023 NTHP Recommendation:	\$201.00 million

JUSTIFICATION: NEA and NEH investments promote access to the arts and advance knowledge and understanding in the humanities for all Americans. The federal commitment to the arts and humanities spurs innovation, promotes economic development, and helps tell our nation's many diverse stories.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

NEA and NEH in Action at National Trust for Historic Preservation Sites

A recent grant from the **National Endowment for the Arts** supported the exhibition *Women's Work* at Lyndhurst, a National Trust Historic Site in Tarrytown, New York (right photo). The exhibition pairs work from contemporary women artists with original works from the 19th century, examining the enduring impact of traditional crafts used by women artists from the Victorian era to today.

The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a \$500,000 grant to the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help sustain historic sites after the drastic

economic impacts of the pandemic. This grant will provide five historic sites owned and operated by the National Trust with a financial lifeline to help support existing staff and engage community members and humanities scholars in the development of new interpretive programs focused on African American, Indigenous, and LatinX stories at these iconic properties, including at Cooper Molera Adobe in Monterey, California (below photo). The grants support the National Trust's mission to tell the full American story and diversify the interpretation and meaning of historic sites.



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