

## NEBRASKA

**Nationwide, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the arts. Thanks to historic investments, the NEA is helping the arts and cultural sector to recover, rebuild, and reopen. In 2022:**

- Arts and cultural production in Nebraska added **2.2%** or **\$3.6 billion** to the state's economy.
- Nebraska's arts and cultural industries employed **31,228** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$2.1 billion**.

## GRANTS TO THE STATE

**Over a five-year period (FY 2019-2023), the NEA distributed \$10,232,400 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.**

The Arts Endowment awarded **75** direct grants throughout Nebraska over the past 5 years, totaling **\$7,481,800**. These direct grants included:

- PlayFest, a virtual and live community performance series
- The Holland Community Opera Fellowship artist residency program
- A musical performance featuring guest actor William Shomos

## NEA NATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE STATE

*In addition to offering direct grants, the NEA supports national initiatives benefiting people across the country. Over the past five years:*

**Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **35** participating museums in Nebraska.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for an average of **1,549** students per year attending **82** unique high schools in Nebraska to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation— great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **51** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **2,161** adults and students in Nebraska.

