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NDCA Awarded Grant from National Endowment for the Arts

As the only funder in the country that supports the arts in all 50 states and five U.S. jurisdictions, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will award \$82,357,050 in grants to fund 1,148 projects in the second major grant announcement of its 50th anniversary year. Grants will be awarded in 13 artistic disciplines or fields plus arts research, along with partnership agreements to U.S. states, jurisdictions, and regions. Grants will support a wide range of activities. All of these recommended grants represent a federal investment in the quality and quantity of and public access to art works and activities, furthering learning, creativity, and engagement for people nationwide.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu announced that the NEA will award \$50,496,800 in partnership agreements to fund 55 state and jurisdictional arts agencies, and six regional arts organizations.

The North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) will be awarded a grant from the NEA through its partnership agreement fund. The award of \$727,100 will be used by the Council to support its statewide arts plan, Poetry Out Loud, arts education, folk arts partnership, and arts in underserved communities. These funds will support grants and programs for this coming fiscal year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).

Forty percent of the NEA's grantmaking funds go to the state and regional arts organizations. In addition, awards are made to the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies to support national leadership services and to Pacific Resources in Education and Learning for delivery of arts education services and technical assistance to the jurisdictional arts agencies of the Pacific territories. Through partnership agreements, the NEA extends its reach to every community in America, translating national leadership into local and regional benefit.

In order to be eligible for NEA partnership agreement funds, each state arts agency develops long-range plans that help position arts and culture in a broad range of public policy areas such as cultural tourism, community revitalization, economic development, education, and health and human services. In addition, each state arts agency must match its NEA funding on at least a 1:1 basis, supporting programs at the local and state levels.

For more information on the NEA's partnership agreement fund, please visit <https://www.arts.gov/news/2016/823-million-grants-will-support-art-projects-nationwide>.

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The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, and is funded by the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.