

**\$1M BUDGET  
REQUEST FY 2024**

WV's arts grant dollars benefit all 17 Senate districts

# IMPACT of THE ARTS

Tax Dollars are **MATCHED** by federal dollars from the NEA

**Arts and culture account for 1.3 billion of the WV economy.**

**In FY 2022 every \$1 in WV arts grants leveraged \$20 in other investments.**

## EDUCATION

- Sets young people up to prosper
- Improves test scores and closes the achievement gap
- Engages social/emotional learning

**THE ARTS...adds the key ingredient of creativity to STEAM education.**

## ECONOMY

- Equips an innovative workforce
- Keeps WV competitive
- Drives tourism

**THE ARTS... and creative occupations contribute 14,000 jobs to WV workforce.**

## HEALTH

- Improves health and well-being
- Promotes effective trauma healing
- Promotes lifelong brain health

**THE ARTS...an effective treatment for depression, anxiety, and addiction.**

## COMMUNITY

- Creates communities where young people want to build families
- Fosters the entrepreneurial spirit and attracts new business and residents
- Strengthens the fabric of communities

**THE ARTS...celebrates local culture, exciting new ideas, telling stories of people and places.**

**Cultural tourists stay longer and spend 60% more than other travelers, benefiting the tax base.**