



2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Congressional District 9

MORGAN, JOHNSON, MONROE, BROWN, LAWRENCE, JACKSON, ORANGE, WASHINGTON, (PARTS OF) SCOTT, (PARTS OF) CRAWFORD, HARRISON, FLOYD, AND CLARK COUNTIES

OVERVIEW

As a state agency, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) supports projects, nonprofits, and artists that provide over 12 million arts experiences for citizens of Indiana.

The IAC is closely monitoring how the public health crisis impacts not only grantees and partners, but the entire arts and culture ecosystem. In April 2020, the IAC announced the Indiana Arts Emergency Relief Fund to support Indiana's arts organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) through the CARES Act.

HOW THE ARTS CONNECT COMMUNITIES IN YOUR DISTRICT



The **Brown County Playhouse** contributes to Brown County's economic and cultural development by offering a diverse selection of performing arts productions and events for tourists and residents.



The **Carnegie Center for Art and History** provides programs for every 3rd grader and 8th grader in the local school district by visiting classrooms to deliver art and history programs and by bringing artists to New Albany.



The **Lotus Education and Arts Foundation** includes a "Sensory Sensitivity Advisory" as part of its "Big Tent" performance and had its Accessibility Task Force assess new venues for the annual festival.

The arts are a vital piece of community life and engagement.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) contributes to Indiana by providing direct funding for arts and culture projects, partnering with state arts commissions, and providing overall leadership for the arts in the country with significant impact in communities both large and small. The IAC couples funding received from the NEA with its state appropriation to benefit the lives of Indiana's citizens.



STATEWIDE IMPACT POINTS



Indiana Cultural Districts reported over **\$392 million of revitalization projects** in or nearby the district boundaries in 2018.



A study by the Indiana Arts Commission reported Indiana's overall creative economy includes **160,000 jobs**.



According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the arts sector contributes **\$8.4 billion** to Indiana's economy.