



# 2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Congressional District 6

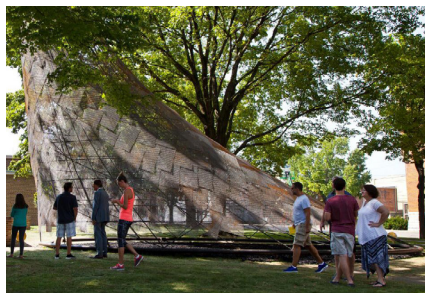
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### OVERVIEW

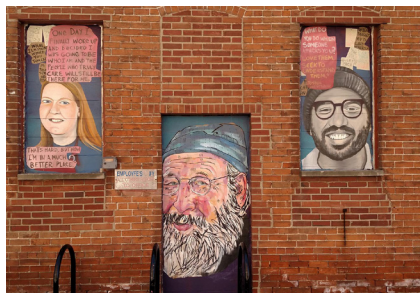
As a state agency, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) supports projects, nonprofits, and artists that provide over 12 million arts experiences for citizens of Indiana.

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



Managed by the **Columbus Area Arts Council**, the Columbus Arts and Entertainment District inspires collaboration and excellence and serves the community by cultivating a creative network.



Located in Muncie, **PlySpace** is an artist-in-residence program that provides dedicated space and time for residents to pursue their practices and serves as a platform for conversation and collaboration for the community.



Through excellent musical education and mentorship, the **Hancock County Children's Choir** equips youth with essential life skills while igniting a community support of young people and interest in the arts.

**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.