



2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Congressional District 7

(MOST OF) MARION COUNTY

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.

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.



HOW THE ARTS CONNECT COMMUNITIES IN YOUR DISTRICT



The **Arts Council of Indianapolis** is working with its community to cultivate a creative sector that serves, celebrates, and values every resident by nurturing a culture where artists and arts organizations thrive.



The **Harrison Center for the Arts** invites and teaches new residents and businesses to respect existing neighborhood stories and connects new and old residents in order to experience community together



The **Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library** works to champion Vonnegut's legacy in part by hosting arts and humanities events for the veterans' community, including writing workshops and a yearly, free arts resource fair.

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.