

WEST VIRGINIA WHERE THE ARTS MATTER

**BUDGET REQUEST
\$900,000 FOR FY 2023**

Tax Dollars are matched by federal dollars from the NEA

\$ Every \$1 in WV arts grants leverages \$21 in other investments*

* 2019 NASAA Data



The ARTS are the **6th** leading industry in WV and help drive tourism

Creative Economy Businesses lost **\$172M** due to COVID-19 in 20/21

State ARTS funding supported over **60** organizations in FY 21

Cultural Tourists spend **60%** more than other travelers

High Dividends for investments help make WV globally competitive

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

- Double a rural community's chance that local businesses will be innovative and thrive
- Provide an innovative workforce
- Set young people up for success
- Promote cognitive development
- Strengthen the fabric of our communities

The Arts are one of the most effective treatments for trauma, depression and anxiety