

Regional and State Arts Agency ARP Funding Survey

Attachment A: Communication Materials

I. SURVEY EMAIL INVITE:

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The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law in 2021 in response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) received \$135 million in ARP funds to help support jobs in the arts sector, keep the doors open to arts organizations nationwide, and assist the field in its response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Forty percent of the NEA's ARP funds were allocated to state and jurisdictional arts agencies and regional arts organizations. Your agency or organization received these NEA ARP funds as a supplement to your fiscal year 2022 Partnership Agreement dollars. No new reporting requirements were associated with the provision of ARP funds; however, we know that many agencies and organizations attempted to track the activities generated by these funds. To better understand activities supported with ARP funds, the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) and the NEA are administering this survey.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. **The time to complete the survey is estimated to average 4.5 hours, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection.** You will be able to save the survey and return to it later if needed. We ask that you answer all questions as best you can and to the fullest extent possible.

Disclaimer: Results from the survey are anonymous and reported to the public in the aggregate. This survey will not impact your current or future awards from the NEA. Your participation is voluntary. You will not receive any compensation for responding to the survey. You may decline to answer any questions you wish. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this survey is OMB No. 3135-0144 (expires 08/31/2024).

Please note that this survey is only collecting data related to ARP funding that your agency received from the NEA. It is not collecting data related to any other supplemental ARP funding.

We greatly appreciate both your efforts to answer these questions and your hard work in allocating and reporting these funds in the first place. **Please submit your response by [DATE HERE]** and direct any questions to Ryan Stubbs at ryan.stubbs@nasaa-arts.org. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of time estimates or suggestions for improving this form, please contact the NEA at research@arts.gov.

II. SURVEY EMAIL REMINDER:

This is a reminder to complete the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding Survey **[LINK SURVEY]** for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This survey addresses the primary goals of the ARP relief funds, and will help the NEA, state arts agencies, and regional arts organizations assess the efficacy of relief funding policies now and in the future.

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