



2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Congressional District 2

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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



To keep students engaged, the education team at the **Honeywell Foundation** produced videos that incorporate music and storytelling. Many teachers have incorporated these videos into their e-learning plans.



Through a Civil Rights Heritage Center partnership, the **South Bend Civic Theatre** hosted a digital community conversation and lecture around spirituality and freedom with IUSB's Social Action Project Director Dr. Bryant.



Just because the **LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra** isn't able to perform doesn't mean it isn't staying busy. The orchestra is repairing instruments for local students who cannot otherwise afford an instrument.

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.