



# 2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Congressional District 8

VERMILLION, PARKE, VIGO, CLAY, OWEN, SULLIVAN, GREENE, KNOX, DAVIESS, MARTIN, GIBSON, PIKE, DUBOIS, POSEY, VANDERBURGH, WARRICK, SPENCER, PERRY, AND (PARTS OF) CRAWFORD COUNTIES

### 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



**Jasper Community Arts** is a catalyst for cultural and economic development through participation in the arts. Its most recent collaboration with Tri-Cap and Head Start resulted in a comprehensive child development program.



The **Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana** held an exhibit in partnership with ARC of Evansville in which clients displayed their work - an opportunity that was meaningful for the artists as well as gallery patrons.



Through outreach to and input from nearby college students, **Arts Spaces' Turn to the River** is designing outdoor spaces for public participatory events like picnics, informational fairs, live music, and public conversations.

**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.