



# 2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Congressional District 3

LAGRANGE, STEUBEN, NOBLE, DEKALB, (PARTS OF) KOSCIUSKO, WHITLEY, ALLEN, HUNTINGTON, WELLS, ADAMS, (PARTS OF) BLACKFORD, AND JAY 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



**Arts Place**, located in rural Jay County, knows that the arts support the social lives of elders. That's why the organization is supporting this unique group through partnerships with IU Health and the Jay Community Center.



The **Unity Performing Arts Foundation** inspires students to learn the cultural and historical significance of art forms and perform them in their authentic forms, developing appreciation for their diverse cultural contributions.

**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.



Through a collaboration with the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, **Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne** is spearheading the "Make It Your Own Mural Fest" to drive talent attraction, retention and tourism.

### 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.