



# 2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Congressional District 4

NEWTON, JASPER, BENTON, WHITE, CASS, CARROLL, WARREN, TIPPECANOE, CLINTON, (PARTS OF) HOWARD, CLINTON, FOUNTAIN, MONTGOMERY, (PARTS OF) BOONE, PUTNAM, HENDRICKS, AND (PARTS OF) MORGAN 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 education improves a student's academic skills. Serving a population of over a half million Hoosiers, the **Tippecanoe Arts Federation** is working with several instructors to offer online music classes to children.



People feel more positive about their community after taking part in the arts. After a successful "Phase I," **Rensselaer Main Street** is planning to add ten new murals to continue to spark community pride and tourism.

**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.



The arts are supporting the social lives of elders. The **Kokomo Civic Theatre** is working with a local assisted living community to plan a small outdoor concert that residents will be able to enjoy from their patios.

### 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.

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