

Grant Opportunities from the National Endowment for the Arts

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The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is a US federal agency that supports participation in the arts and the development of creative capacities. As part of its mission, NEA offers two research awards that support scientific initiatives in line with the agency's agenda, called "Research Grants in the Arts" and "NEA Research Labs."

Research Grants in the Arts:

This grant supports research that studies the value and impact of the arts on American life. The grant aims to support research that falls into its four main priority topics as well as aligns with its [research agenda for FY 2022-2026](#). The research topic questions include, (1) What are measurable impacts of the arts on health and wellness, cognition and learning, and economic growth; (2) in what ways do the arts contribute to the healing and revitalization of communities; (3) what is the state of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the arts; and (4) how is the U.S. arts ecosystem responding to social, economic, and technological changes and challenges.

Studies can be psychological and physical health related studies or organizational research and must involve primary and/or secondary data analysis.

NEA plans to offer 10-20 grants with awards ranging from \$20,000 – \$100,000. NEA offers matching grants, which means that support requires a nonfederal cost share or match of at least 1 to 1.

Application deadlines:

Part 1: Submit to Grants.gov – March 27, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time

Part 2: Submit to Application Portal – March 30-April 6, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time

Earliest Announcement for award rejection: November 2023

Earliest Start Date for Proposed Projects: January 1, 2024

[To learn more about the program, visit the Research Grants in the Arts Program Description.](#)

NEA Research Labs:

The NEA Research Labs grant seeks to support transdisciplinary research teams that are grounded in behavioral science to develop insights about the arts and their contributions to individuals, communities, and society. Institutions of higher education and/or nonprofit research and policy organizations may submit applications to be NEA Research Labs. Research labs should focus on longer-term research agendas and should produce findings and evidence-based tools that benefit both art practitioners as well as non-art sectors such as education, business and management, and healthcare.

The following research areas are of special interest to NEA:

Measuring the Impacts of the Arts:

On U.S. Economic Growth, and/or Innovation

On Cognition and Learning

On Health and Wellness for Individuals

Monitoring and Improving Systems:

Community Health and/or Revitalization

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Arts

Other Aspects of the Arts Ecology

NEA Research Labs require a confirmed partnership between the official applicants organization and a nonprofit arts organization at the time of application. The expectation is that the partner organization will contribute significantly to the Research Lab. Grants will range from \$100,000 – \$150,000 in

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