



2020 ARTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Congressional District 1

LAKE, PORTER, AND (PARTS OF) LAPORTE 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



Serving over 20,000 people in northern Indiana, the **Chesterton Art Center** sponsored an art contest for local children to bring the community together and encourage self expression.



The **Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts (LCA)** has created online video programming. One school principal commented, "Thank you for developing and sharing these resources with our kids. We miss the LCA."

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.



Aware of the stress that its students are presently experiencing, the **South Shore Dance Alliance** has been focused on making wellness checks and connecting its students with online dance classes.

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.