

## NEA101: Locals Arts Agencies Subgranting FAQs

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Across the United States, more than 4,500 Local Arts Agencies (LAAs) provide a wide range of programs and services to help support and enable arts and culture at the local level. LAAs are intermediaries, serving artists and arts organizations, local residents, visitors, and other community partners. No two LAAs are alike—whether they serve a single village or town, a large city, county, or a multi-county or multi-state region. Some LAAs are departments of local government, others are nonprofit organizations, and still others are hybrids of the two.

**Characteristics of Local Arts Agencies:** LAAs may present and/or produce arts programming, commission and manage public art, administer grant programs, provide technical assistance to artists and arts organizations, and guide cultural planning efforts. Still others may own, manage, and/or operate cultural facilities and be actively engaged in community development, and partner with entities in tourism, social services, public education, housing, economic development, and public safety. All strive to enhance the quality of life in their communities by working to increase public access to the arts.

Local Arts Agencies have a variety of NEA funding opportunities available, including subgranting through both Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) and American Rescue Plan (ARP). Find answers below to some of the questions that we're hearing most often relative to subgranting for Local Arts Agencies, including:

- **Who is eligible to subgrant?**  
The Arts Endowment's legislation allows only State Arts Agencies (SAAs), Regional Arts Organizations (RAOs), and designated Local Arts Agencies (LAAs) to subgrant Arts Endowment funds. The subgranting category has additional eligibility requirements, including designation by local government and a history of grantmaking. Please review the complete eligibility requirements in program guidelines.
- **Can an LAA apply to both Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) and American Rescue Plan (ARP)?**  
YES! Eligible LAAs may submit one ARP application, in addition to any applications submitted to our regular annual grant programs. As a reminder on our regular annual program application limits, applicants may submit one FY2022 GAP or Challenge America application, and also apply to the Our Town program. *Note: Be sure there is no overlap in costs or activities between applications.*
- **What are the differences between what the two subgranting opportunities support?**  
*(Note: there are some important differences between the two programs, so be sure you're aware of them!)*

| Program   | Application Deadline   | Grant Period                     | Support For   | Award Range   |
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| <b>Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)</b><br><br>LAA Subgranting<br>FY 2022 | Part 1 deadline:<br><b>July 8, 2021</b><br><br>Part 2 deadline:<br><b>July 20, 2021</b><br><br><i>*Part 1 must be successfully submitted to continue to Part 2</i>   | No earlier than June 1, 2022     | Subgrants to <u>organizations</u> for <u>project</u> support  | Cost share/matching grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000   |
| <b>American Rescue Plan (ARP)</b><br><br>LAA Subgranting                | Part 1 deadline:<br><b>July 22, 2021</b><br><br>Part 2 deadline:<br><b>August 2, 2021</b><br><br><i>*Part 1 must be successfully submitted to continue to Part 2</i> | No earlier than December 1, 2021 | Subgrants to <u>organizations</u> and/or <u>individuals</u> for <u>operating</u> support<br><br><i>*see full description of allowable costs in program guidelines</i> | Fixed grant amounts of \$150,000, \$250,000 or \$500,000<br><br><i>*may include up to \$50,000 of applicant operating costs associated with administering grant program</i><br><br><i>*no cost share/match required</i> |

**Remember:** The information in this document is intended to provide a brief explanation of the process, but applicants should review the complete program guidelines available for each [grant program](#).