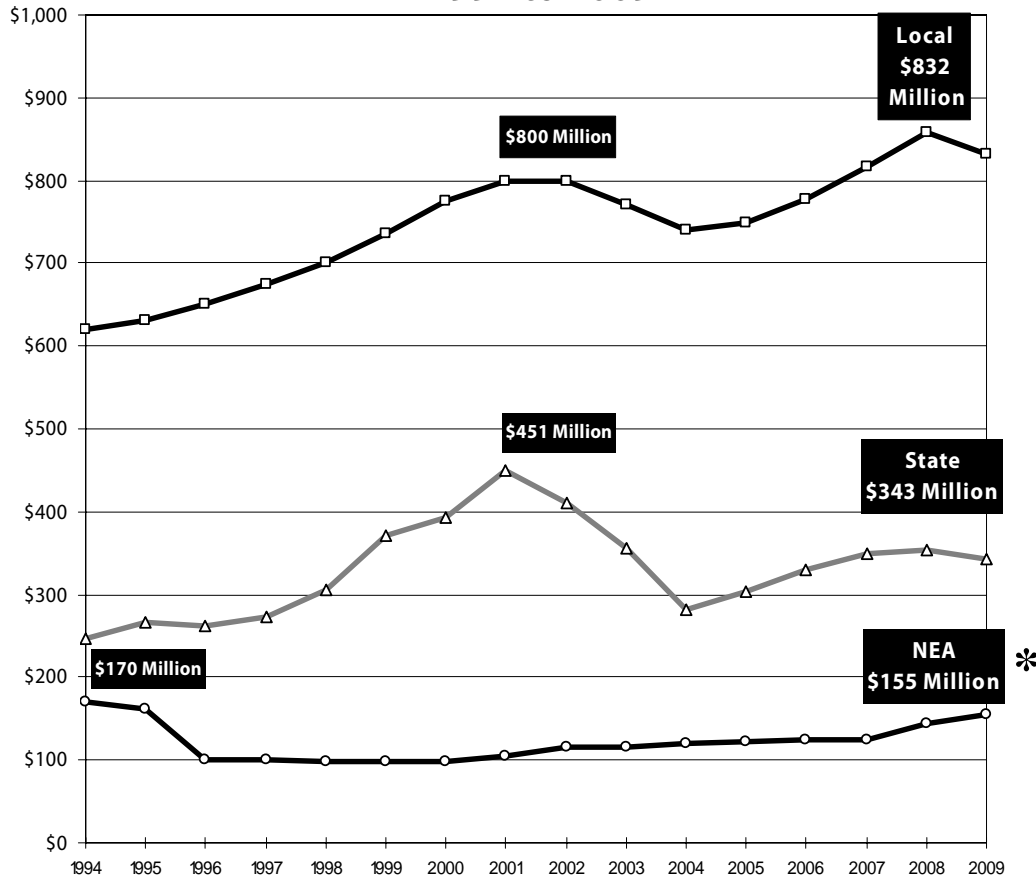




Arts Facts . . . Government Arts Funding

In 2009, local and state government fell 3.0 percent and 4.6 percent, respectively. Congress passed The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, giving the NEA special supplemental funding of \$50 million.

Government Support for the Arts Federal, State and Local 1994 to 2009



- In 2009, **state** legislative arts appropriations decreased for the first time in four years—down 3.3 percent to \$343.1 million. State arts funding, which tracks closely with the economy, had record growth in the late 1990's—reaching a high of \$451 million in 2001—followed by a precipitous drop to \$281 million by 2004 (38 percent decrease).
- Based on preliminary figures subject to rescissions, **local** government arts funding declined 3.0 percent, down from \$858 million to \$832 million. This reverses a positive trajectory that was sidetracked by cuts in 2003, when **local** government arts funding dropped for the first time in 15 years, due to the sluggish economy and post-9/11 drops in tourism.
- In 2009, the **NEA** received an increase in Congressional appropriations, up 7 percent from \$145 million to \$155 million. This continues an upward trend in federal funding for the arts, but still falls short of the historical highpoint of \$172 million designated by Congress in 1992.
- *The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 included \$50 million in funding to support jobs in the arts through National Endowment for the Arts grants.