

Treasure Hunt:

Finding Non-Traditional Sources of Federal Funding for the Arts

In this panel, Americans for the Arts Government Affairs staff will take you on a treasure hunt for new funding opportunities at a number of federal agencies and present the Resource Guides listed below.

Resource Guide for Arts Education

This publication provides an overview of programs under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). These laws are the basis for most federal funding for the nation's schools. This [resource guide](#) is a layered document with at-a-glance funding information as well as links to more detailed information and resources.

Resource Guide for Military Base Closings

In November 2005, the 2005 Base Realignment & Closure Commission (BRAC) recommendations went into effect. As a result, 22 major defense installations were closed and another 33 were designated to have their workforce realigned, impacting 27 states. Americans for the Arts has published a resource guide ([pdf](#) | [HTML](#)) for local arts organizations in those affected states to consider how to get involved in the future redevelopment possibilities.

Resource Guide for Transportation Enhancement Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation operates the Transportation Enhancement program, which helps fund local transportation-related cultural projects. This [resource guide](#) (pdf) provides arts examples and includes the newly reauthorized Transportation Enhancement Program guidelines that can assist organizations with navigating this funding opportunity.

Resource Guide for Community Development Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a local economic development program funded through the U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Department and administered locally. This [resource guide](#) (pdf) provides the background, eligible activities, and detailed grant examples to assist localities in using this funding opportunity.

Resource Guide for International Cultural Exchanges

The Arts Exchanges on International Issues Program is authorized through the Fulbright-Hays Act and administered by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Bureau seeks proposals for projects in which youth influencers reach underserved youth audiences through arts education programs, and youth develop their artistic and leadership capabilities. This [resource guide](#) describes the program and eligibility requirements in detail.

Resource Guide for Earmarks for Cultural Agencies and Institutions

An earmark is a sum of money that, upon request of one or more representatives or senators, Congress directs to a specific project such as a building, transportation project, or cultural program or service. This [resource guide](#) provides a list of earmarks for cultural agencies, by federal agency, that Americans for the Arts identified in FY 2005 and FY 2006 appropriations bills.

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Resource Guide on Rural Development Programs

Resource Guide on Arts-related funding at the National Endowment for the Humanities