

Young Audiences Board Meeting

January 25, 2017

ADVOCACY ACTIONS

Some background on NEA and DOE Support of our work:

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

As a network, YA has rec'd \$1.4 million from NEA since 2010.

In 2016 NJSCA rec'd \$872K from NEA. Individual orgs in our region also rec'd funds @ \$600K.

In 2016 PCA rec'd \$949K from NEA. Individual orgs in state also rec'd funds @ \$1.3M

Elimination of the NEA would severely harm state arts agencies and organizations like ours. Elimination of the NEA would also send a strong message devaluing the arts and distancing government responsibility for supporting the arts in our country, which could be very hard to reverse.

Department of Education (DOE)

As a network, YA has rec'd \$12-14 million from DOE since 2010.

DO NOW:

If you haven't already, make a small donation to ArtPride and get on their email list:

<http://www.artpridenj.com/>

Join the Arts Action Fund of Americans for the Arts:

<http://www.artsactionfund.org/>

Sign White House petition created by change.org:

<https://www.change.org/p/donald-trump-trump-to-eliminate-nea-save-national-endowment-for-the-arts>

Follow NJEA on Facebook or go to their website to keep track of advocacy efforts for the Department of Education:

<http://www.njea.org/issues-and-political-action>