



## Impact of state general fund budget cuts for 2017-2019 biennium

### Current biennial allotment (state general funds)

\$2,332,000 general fund  
\$305,000 for Online Portal Project

### Governor's proposed budget cut for 2017-19

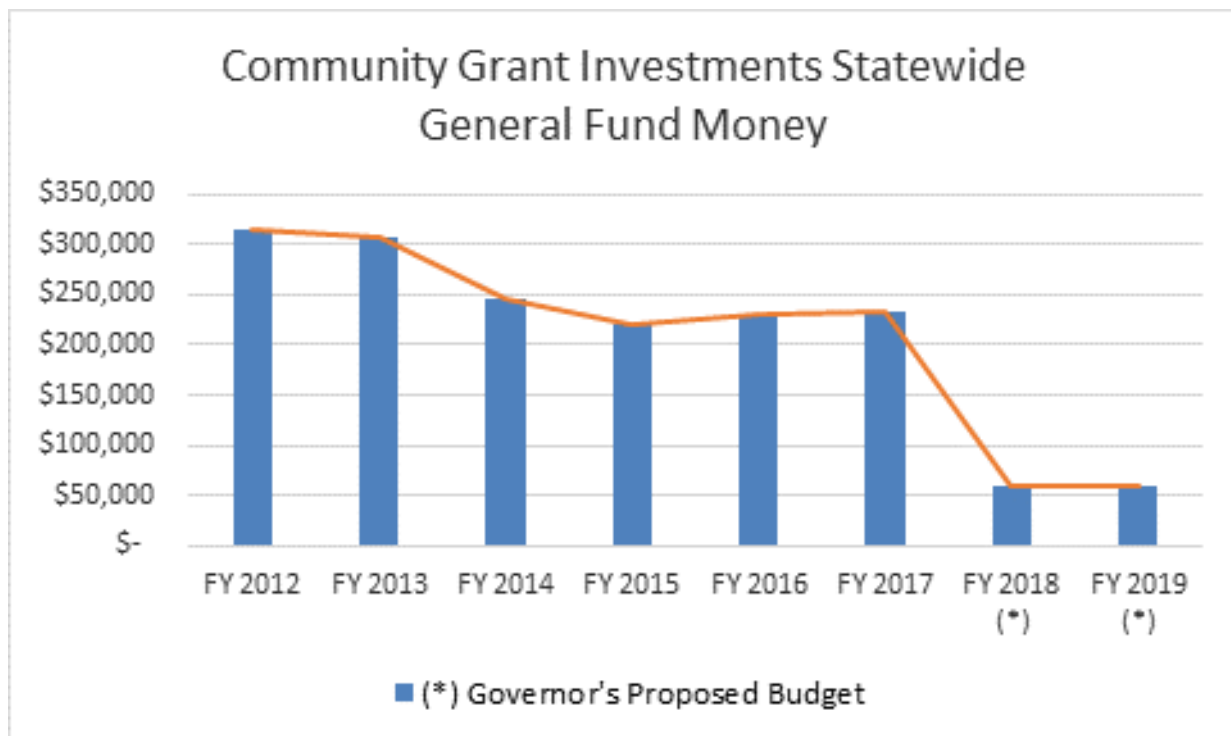
\$350,000 from Grants/Community Investments  
\$305,000 for "My Public Art Portal"

### Impact on Grant / Community Investments

Current biennial allocation: (state general funds) \$463,500  
After the proposed cut: \$113,500

A cut of \$350,000 represents 15% of the agency's state general fund allotment and 75.5% of the state general fund portion of ArtsWA's Community Investment grants dollars. Grants require a 1:1 match from recipients and frequently leverage a match that is significantly larger. Based on FY 16 community investment grant reports, the impact of the cuts could result in:

- \$8,750,000 fewer public and private dollars (required matching funds, earned income, other grants, foundation support) for arts education and arts participation in communities across Washington
- 390,250 fewer individuals served statewide, approximately 40% K-12 students
- 3,850 fewer artists engaged, many getting significant paid work through these grants





## Impact on “My Public Art Portal” IT Project

Current biennial allocation: \$305,000

After the proposed cut: \$0.00

In the 2015-17 Biennium, OCIO ranked “My Public Art Portal” ninth out of a list of more than 100 IT project requests. The project was widely supported by the legislature. The estimated degree of completion of the “My Public Art Portal” project will be 45% by the close of FY 17. The proposed cut of \$305,000 would prohibit the Portal’s on-time completion by the original target date of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Impacts include:

- An unfinished project. More than half of the State Arts Collection will not be accessible and available online.
- The agency will suffer the loss of three valuable staff members dedicated to the Portal Project
- Access to educational opportunities and research will be curtailed.
- A long-overdue assessment of the 4,500 artworks in the State Art Collection will not be completed.

## Other Facts:

- The Agency receives approximately \$790,000 each year in Federal Funds. This requires a one to one match of General Fund monies. Continued reductions in our General Fund monies puts us perilously close to not meeting the required 1:1 match, resulting in the loss of federal dollars to our state.
- The Agency currently has 17 staff members. Reducing the funding for the “My Public Art Portal” project means a loss of 3 staff positions or 18% of the total staff.
- Of the 30 small agencies with which we checked, no others received budget cuts.

*“The arts are the best insurance policy a city can take out on itself.”*  
Woody Dumas, Former Mayor of Baton Rouge, Louisiana