

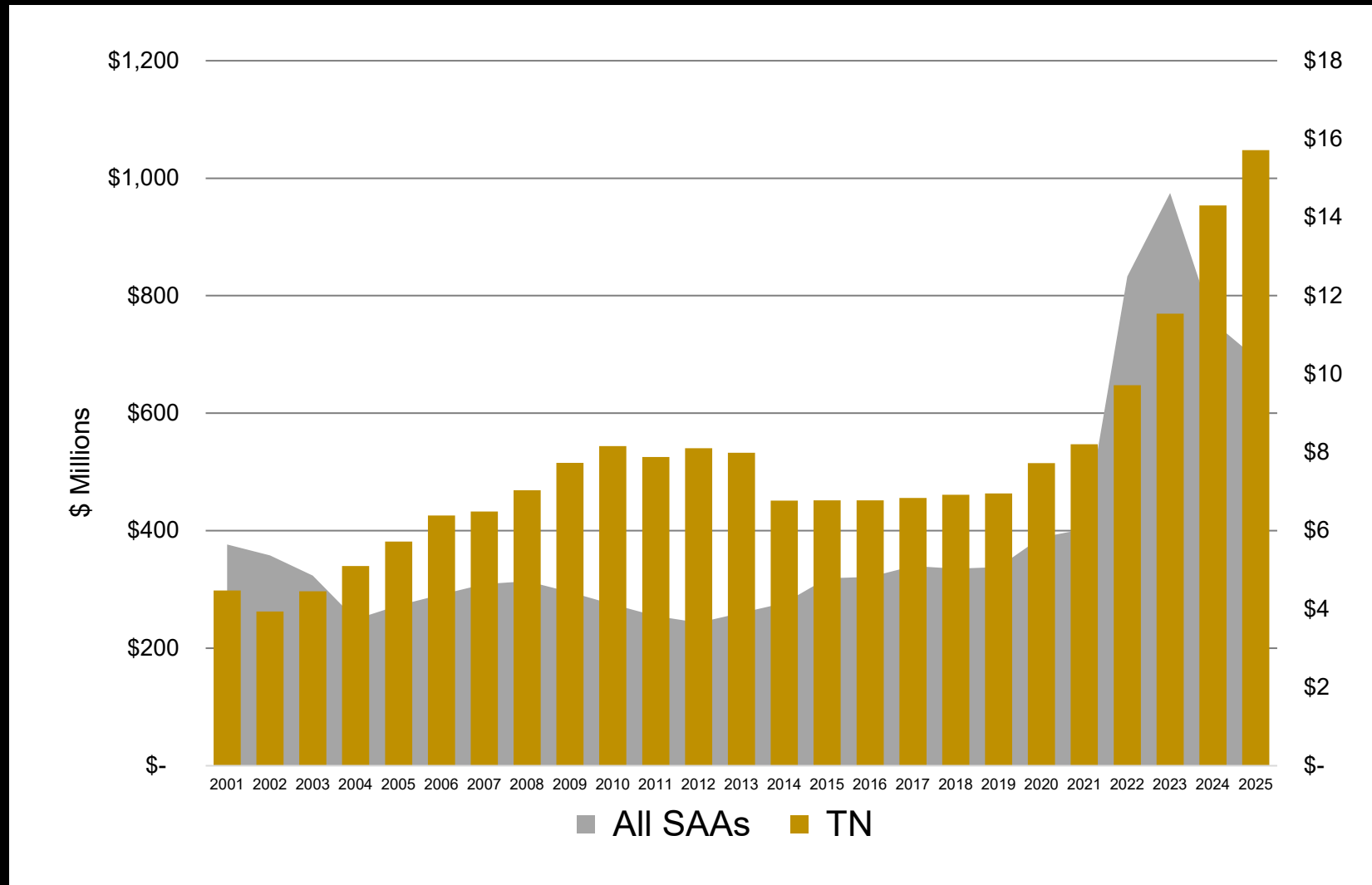
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State Arts Agency Legislative Appropriations

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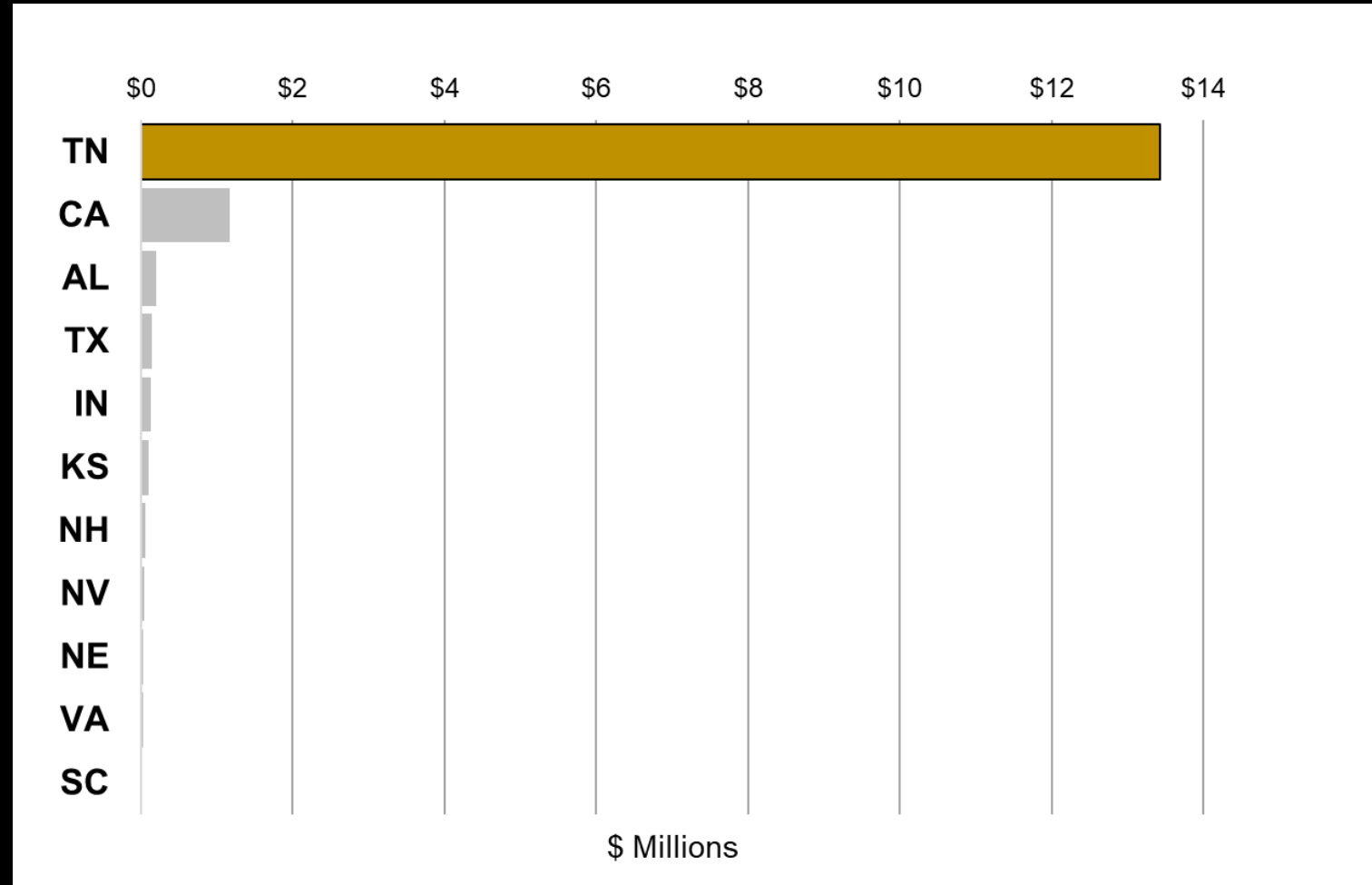


Arts License Plates



License Plate Revenues

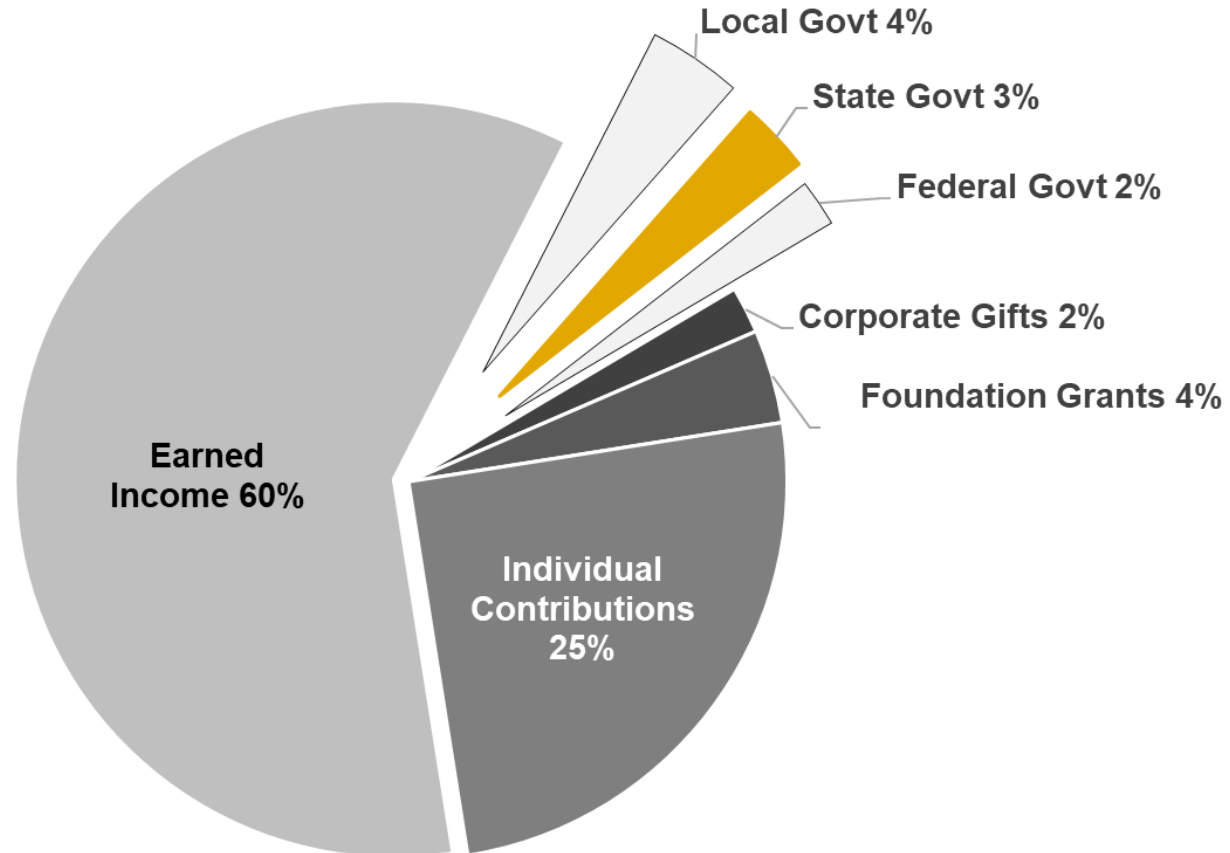
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“I love the arts, but I think they should be supported by private funds. I don’t see a role for government.”

Sources of Nonprofit Arts Revenue



Estimates compiled by Americans for the Arts using IRS data. Does not include pandemic relief funding.

Public support reaches all 95 counties





What differentiates the arts? **Our 5-part bottom line.**

Economy



Education



Community



Health

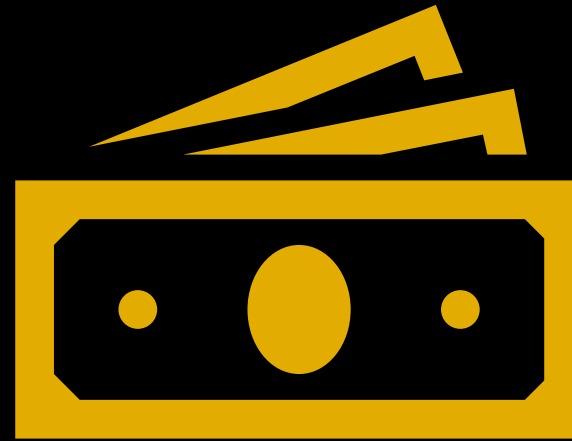


Heritage



\$15.7 Million

State Arts Investment
Tennessee Arts
Commission



\$82.4 Million

State Tax Revenues
Generated by
Nonprofit Arts Sector



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