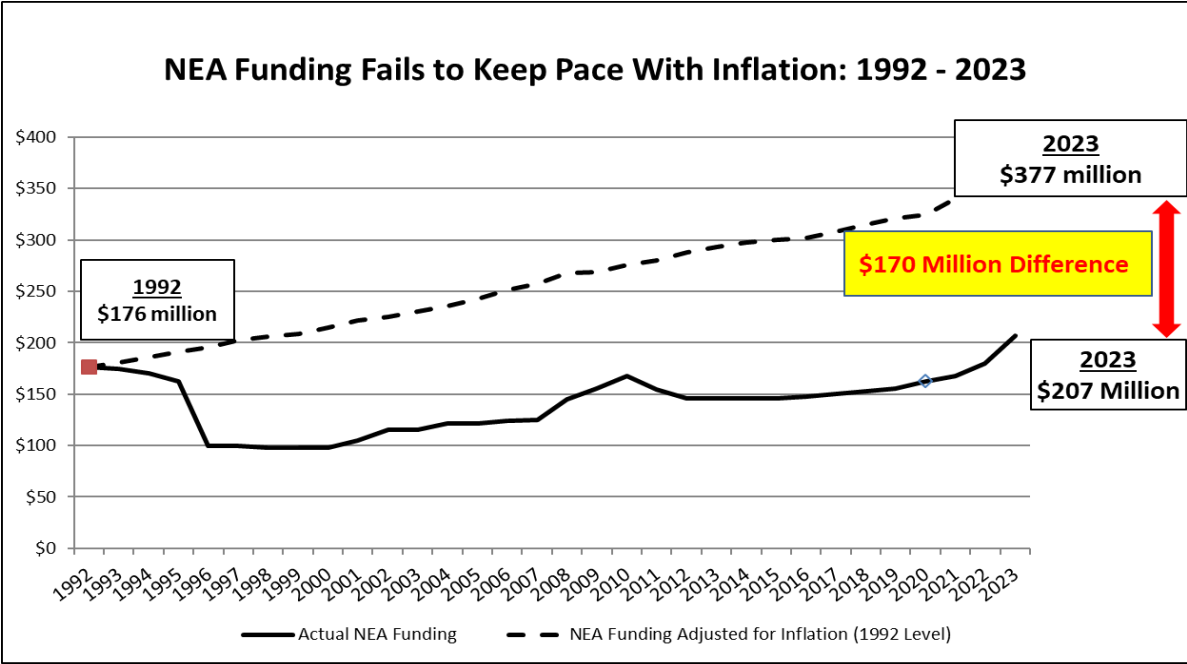


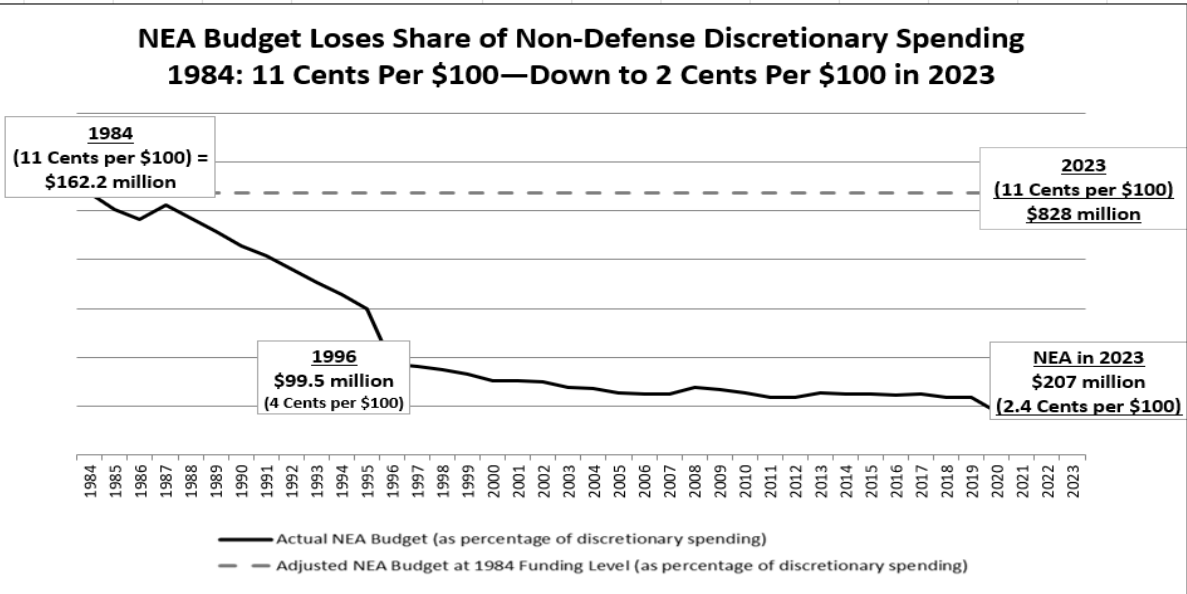


Arts Facts . . . NEA Funding Fails to Keep Pace with Inflation
 The NEA budget has long failed to keep pace with inflation and its share of federal non-defense discretionary spending. When adjusted for inflation, the NEA’s 1992 budget would be nearly twice the actual 2023 budget.

If the National Endowment for the Arts’ (NEA) 1992 budget of \$176 million had remained constant and was only adjusted for inflation, it would be \$377 million in 2023—instead of \$207 million—a \$170 million difference.



In 2023, the NEA receives 2.4 cents per \$100 of *non-defense discretionary spending* by the federal government. In 1984, by comparison, the NEA received 11 cents per \$100 of spending. If the NEA had simply maintained its 1984 percentage of *non-defense discretionary spending*, its 2023 budget would be \$828 million—\$621 million more than its current amount of \$207 million.



Source: NEA; Congressional Budget Office. Analysis by Americans for the Arts, 2023.