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Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Receives a \$70,000 Art Works Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to Support Services to American Writers

College Park, MD—AWP has been awarded a \$70,000 grant to support its upcoming Conference & Bookfair in Portland, Oregon, and the continued production of the organization’s website (awpwriter.org) and magazine *The Writer’s Chronicle*. This grant is part of the NEA’s second round of 2018 Art Works awards totaling \$80 million.

The Art Works category is the NEA’s largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement, lifelong learning, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

“The variety and quality of these projects speaks to the wealth of creativity and diversity in our country,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “Through the work of organizations such as AWP in College Park, MD, NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are.”

AWP Interim Executive Director Chloe Schwenke added, “This funding provides AWP with essential resources we need to sustain and expand our support to the community of writers and poets, to hundreds of writing programs and workshops, and to creative writing itself as a vital expression of our social values, identity, and diversity. We are deeply appreciative of the NEA’s support of our mission, and of the many mission-driven activities, publications, and services for which AWP is so well known.”

The mission of AWP is to foster literary achievement, to promote the art of writing as essential to a good education, and to serve the makers, teachers, students, and readers of contemporary writing, creating a vital literary network in service of individuals and communities. Founded in 1967, AWP supports nearly 50,000 writers, over 550 college and university creative writing programs, and 150 writers’ conferences and centers.



For more information on this project, and other projects included in the NEA grant announcement, please visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news)