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The mission of the National Endowment for the Arts is to promote, support, and encourage:

- artistic excellence, diversity, and vitality in the United States
- development of artistic talent
- multi-cultural involvement
- rural involvement
- creation of new art
- preservation of our cultural heritage
- availability of art to all people throughout the nation
- deeper understanding and appreciation of the arts nationwide
- arts education as part of basic education
- non-federal support of the arts
- sound financing and administration of arts organizations
- audience development nationwide
- innovation and variety in the arts
- greater international presence of American art abroad

A NEA handout at a NCCO meeting.

All worthy goals—but it seems to me that there's a need for a sense of priority and simplification.