



# The United States Conference of Mayors

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## THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PROUDLY RECEIVES *AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS* NATIONAL AWARD

Washington, D.C. – The United States Conference of Mayors was honored yesterday by the Americans for the Arts in recognition of the Conference’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The award is part of the events surrounding National Arts and Humanities Month.

“It is with humble appreciation that we receive this recognition. This award has a great value for our organization, because The United States Conference of Mayors sincerely believes that promoting and enhancing arts in our cities not only improves the quality of life for citizens, but also the arts create economic opportunities for our cities,” said the Conference’s Executive Director Tom Cochran, who received the award on behalf of the organization during a dinner gala in New York City.

With this award, American for the Arts acknowledges the work of the Conference in promoting the arts in cities around the country for 75 years, and highlights continuous mayoral support for increases in arts funding.

“It is our intent to keep working on behalf of the mayors of this country to encourage the promotion of the arts in all communities. The benefits of promoting art are immeasurable, and we will not rest until the arts receive the proper recognition they deserve including the establishment of a federal cabinet level department of the arts,” Cochran added.

Other honorees during this year’s ceremony included: **Ellsworth Kelly** (Lifetime Achievement Award), **John Legend**, (Young Artist Award for Artistic Excellence), **Wallis Annenberg** (Frederick R. Weisman Award for Philanthropy in the Arts), **Anna Deavere Smith** (Kitty Carlisle Hart Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Arts) and **The Music Industry and NAMM** (Corporate Citizenship in the Arts Award).

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*The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.*