NCAPER was formed in 2006 in response to the significant losses and devastation suffered by artists and creative economies in the wake of 21st century disasters.

A voluntary task force of national, regional, state and local arts organizations, public agencies, and foundations NCAPER ensures that artists, arts/cultural organizations, cultural funders, and arts businesses have the capacity and ability to respond effectively to disasters and emergencies affecting the arts and culture sector.

NCAPER believes the Arts Sector is an essential collaborator in broader societal efforts for preparedness, emergency response, and recovery to ensure the resilience of the general community.