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Congress created the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) in 1968 to promote the growth and development of public media throughout the U.S. Over the last four and a half decades, CPB has been the steward of federal funding, which goes directly to over 1,300 public television and radio stations across the country, supporting 24,000 local jobs.

Public broadcasting – whether it’s TV or radio – provides free, high-quality educational content to our children, in-depth news coverage from across the globe, and is one of the last remaining providers of locally produced and focused programming.

Though famous for Sesame Street, Ken Burns, and The News Hour, public broadcasting is about much more. From the innovative Ready to Learn program, putting free educational content and effective tools into the hands of our teachers, to maintaining the infrastructure for the AMBER alert system that works even when wireless voice and data services collapse, our public broadcasting system plays an important role for all of us. We receive all of this for less than \$1.50 per American each year, with local stations leveraging each federal dollar to raise six more.



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