

# DAH - ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL

## Enabling Laws

Act 253 of 2016  
A.C.A. §13-8-101 et seq.

## History and Organization

### **Agency Mission Statement:**

The Arkansas Arts Council will advance and empower the arts for the benefit of all Arkansans.

### **Brief Discussion of Statutory Responsibilities and Primary Activities:**

The Arkansas Arts Council was established in 1966 to enable the State to receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1971, Act 359 (A.C.A. § 13-8-101 et seq.) gave independent agency status to the Arts Council, with an executive director and a 17-member council appointed by the Governor. In 1975, the Arts Council became a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

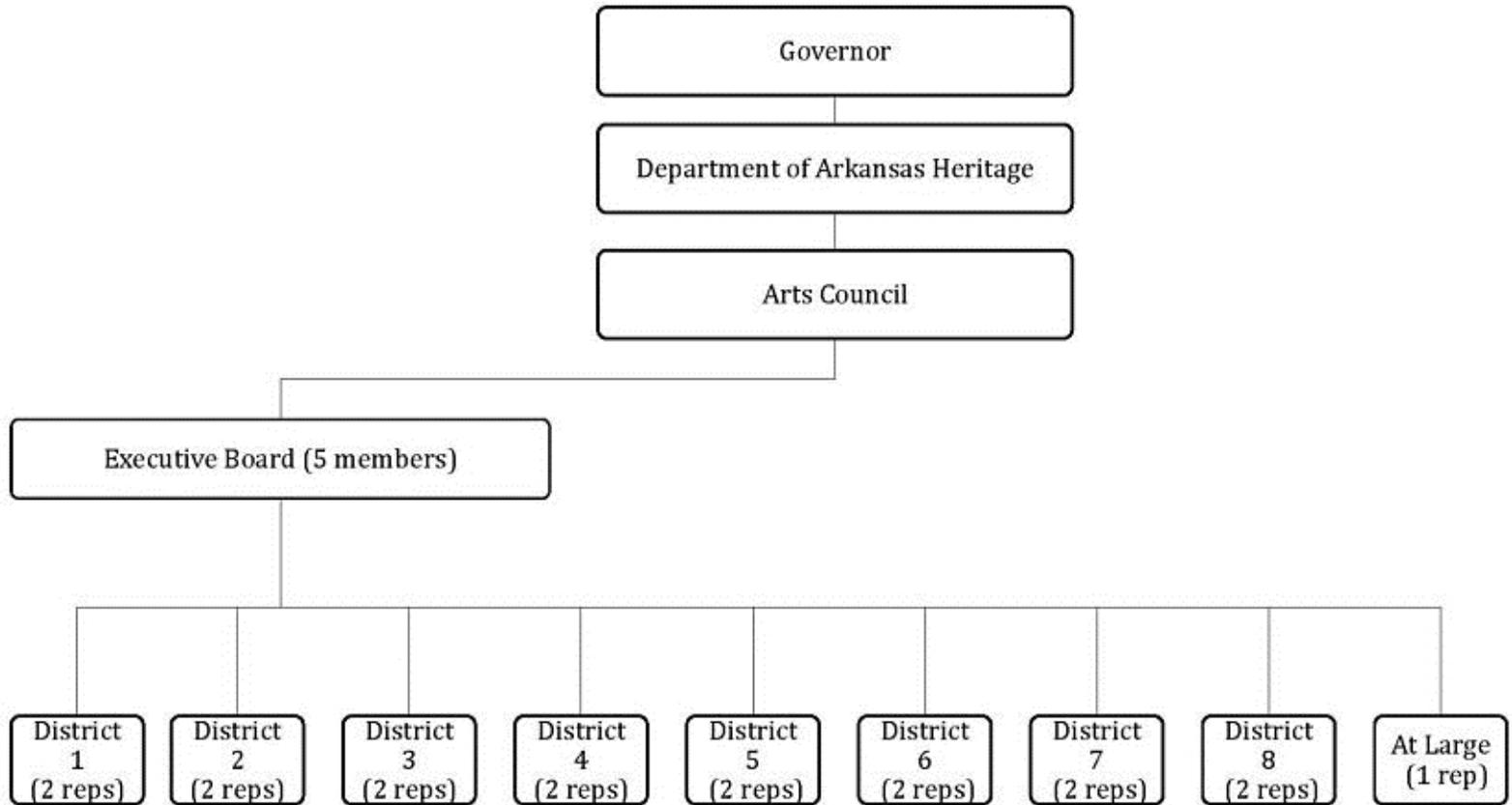
The Arts Council contributes to Arkansas's educational and economic development by investing state, federal, and private funds in community arts organizations, schools, youth service organizations, and other providers of cultural programs. The Arts in Education program funds artist residencies in schools and after school/summer programs. The agency provides operating support for established community arts organizations, and the Expansion Arts Program provides technical assistance and salary support to new and expanding arts organizations in rural and underserved areas. The statewide Arts on Tour program includes a diverse roster of Arkansas's finest performing artists. Non-profit organizations and local governments are eligible to apply for funding assistance to present artists listed in the Arts on Tour Roster.

The Arts Council offers technical, supportive, and informational services for artists, administrators, and community leaders, as well as professional development opportunities for teachers and teaching artists. The Arts Council website provides information about the Council and contains online applications for the agency's various grant programs and artist rosters. The website, [www.arkansasarts.org](http://www.arkansasarts.org), also provides local, regional and national resource information to the arts community and the general public.

One of the most widely used on-line services at the Arts Council, the Arkansas Artist Registry, documents and promotes Arkansas visual artists. The Arts Council Facebook page [www.facebook.com/arkansasartscouncil](http://www.facebook.com/arkansasartscouncil) provides frequent news updates and opportunities to constituents.

## Agency Board or Commission

The Arkansas Arts Advisory Council is composed of seventeen members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Two appointments are made from each of the eight planning and development districts, and one member serves at large. Council members meet each fiscal quarter and are charged with awarding all grant funds and with formulating policy for the future development of the arts in Arkansas.



## **Agency Commentary**

The arts are essential to the growth and sustainability of Arkansas communities, and every Arkansas child deserves a quality education which includes the arts. The following Arts Council goals were developed with input from arts organizations, artists, community leaders and economic developers, educators and other interested stakeholders:

1. Encourage artistic excellence, diversity and innovation
2. Promote equitable access to the arts for all Arkansans
3. Develop arts in education for life-long learning
4. Enhance community cultural and economic development
5. Build and sustain the capacity of the Arkansas Arts Council to fulfill its mission

The Arts Council works to achieve these goals by providing technical assistance and investing state and federal funding in local arts organizations, schools, and other providers of cultural and educational programs. In FY2013 the Arkansas Arts Council provided funding assistance to 376 organizations in 62 counties, bringing quality cultural programs to 2,724,189 people, including over 1 million youth.

Arkansas Arts Council efforts to enhance community cultural and economic development, and to assist the growth of the creative economic sector by nurturing the pipeline of creative talent through arts education, are the top priorities contained in this budget request.

The Arts Council's 2011-2015 strategic plan and other information about the agency is available at [www.arkansasarts.org](http://www.arkansasarts.org).

## **Audit Findings**

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

AUDIT OF :

DAH - ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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Findings

Recommendations

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Audit findings are reported under DAH-Central Administration.

**State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016**

None

**Publications**

**A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.**

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution	Unbound Black & White Copies Produced During the Last Two Years	Cost of Unbound Copies Produced During the Last Two Years
		Governor	General Assembly				
Annual Report	A.C.A. §13-8-106(f)	Y	N	1	Governor's Office request	0	0.00
Natural Heritage Commission Annual Report	A.C.A. §15-20-308(11)	Y	Y	2	Statutory Requirement and Available Online	0	0.00

# Department Appropriation Summary

## Historical Data

## Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Appropriation	2015-2016		2016-2017		2016-2017		2017-2018						2018-2019					
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
486 Arts Council - Federal Program	658,449	2	802,448	2	834,857	2	802,820	2	802,820	2	802,820	2	802,820	2	802,820	2	802,820	2
943 Arts Council - Cash in Treasury	113,933	0	153,189	0	175,810	0	153,189	0	153,189	0	153,189	0	153,189	0	153,189	0	153,189	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>772,382</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>955,637</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,010,667</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>956,009</b>	<b>2</b>										

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
Fund Balance 4000005	134,546	14.9	129,206	13.5			3,267	0.4	3,267	0.4	3,267	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Federal Revenue 4000020	658,449	73.0	802,448	83.7			802,820	96.0	802,820	96.0	802,820	96.0	802,820	96.4	802,820	96.4	802,820	96.4
Cash Fund 4000045	108,593	12.0	27,250	2.8			30,000	3.6	30,000	3.6	30,000	3.6	30,000	3.6	30,000	3.6	30,000	3.6
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>901,588</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>958,904</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>836,087</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>836,087</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>836,087</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>832,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>832,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>832,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(129,206)		(3,267)				119,922		119,922		119,922		123,189		123,189		123,189	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>772,382</b>		<b>955,637</b>				<b>956,009</b>		<b>956,009</b>		<b>956,009</b>		<b>956,009</b>		<b>956,009</b>		<b>956,009</b>	

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2014 - 2015						FY2015 - 2016						FY2016 - 2017					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
10	10	0	10	0	0.00 %	2	2	0	2	0	0.00 %	2	0	2	2	0	100.00 %

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 486 - Arts Council - Federal Program

**Funding Sources:** FHH - Natural & Cultural Heritage Federal

This appropriation provides for federal funding received from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Department utilizes this appropriation to provide art programs and grants to promote and assist Arkansas artists.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2017 Salaries and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

Base Level includes appropriation of \$802,820 each year of the biennium.

The Agency Change Level Request provides for reallocation of \$40,000 each year from Grants and Aid to Operating Expenses to accommodate anticipated expenses.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

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**Funding Sources:** FHH - Natural & Cultural Heritage Federal

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	69,404	66,462	65,814	66,462	66,462	66,462	66,462	66,462	66,462
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	25,483	24,801	24,869	25,173	25,173	25,173	25,173	25,173	25,173
Operating Expenses	5020002	77,657	42,385	47,252	42,385	82,385	82,385	42,385	82,385	82,385
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	10,000	10,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Professional Fees	5060010	5,000	0	12,970	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	480,905	658,800	673,452	658,800	618,800	618,800	658,800	618,800	618,800
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>658,449</b>	<b>802,448</b>	<b>834,857</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>802,820</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Federal Revenue	4000020	658,449	802,448		802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820
Total Funding		658,449	802,448		802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		658,449	802,448		802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820	802,820

FY17 Budget amount in Regular Salaries exceeds the authorized amount due to salary adjustments during the 2015-2017 Biennium.

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 486 - Arts Council - Federal Program  
**Funding Sources:** FHH - Natural & Cultural Heritage Federal

### Agency Request

Change Level		2017-2018	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2018-2019	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C04	Reallocation	0	0	802,820	100.0	0	0	802,820	100.0

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2017-2018	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2018-2019	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>802,820</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C04	Reallocation	0	0	802,820	100.0	0	0	802,820	100.0

### Justification

C04	Reallocation of \$40,000 from Grants and Aid appropriation to operating expenses for both years of the Biennium to accomodate anticipated expenses.
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## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 943 - Arts Council - Cash in Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NNH - Arts & Humanities Cash

This appropriation is funded from cash receipts generated by registration fees, interest income and the sales of items purchased for display and for workshop sessions. The Agency coordinates an annual conference on the arts as well as several smaller conferences and workshops to support the education, organizational development, and marketing Arkansas's craft and traditional artists.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$153,189 each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

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Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	13,913	14,210	28,250	14,210	14,210	14,210	14,210	14,210	14,210
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	1,379	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	5,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	98,641	132,979	136,060	132,979	132,979	132,979	132,979	132,979	132,979
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>113,933</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>175,810</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	134,546	129,206		3,267	3,267	3,267	0	0	0
Cash Fund	4000045	108,593	27,250		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>243,139</b>	<b>156,456</b>		<b>33,267</b>	<b>33,267</b>	<b>33,267</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(129,206)	(3,267)		119,922	119,922	119,922	123,189	123,189	123,189
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>113,933</b>	<b>153,189</b>		<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>	<b>153,189</b>