

DAH - ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL

Enabling Laws

Act 1605 of 2003 provides current operating authority for the Arkansas Arts Council.

The Arkansas Arts Council (AAC) was created by Act 359 of 1971 and Act 608 of 2003 (A.C.A. § 13-8-101 et seq.; § 13-8-201 et seq.) In Act 1001 of 1975 the AAC became a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

History and Organization

Agency Mission Statement

The Arkansas Arts Council, in its role as public partner, will advance and empower the arts in Arkansas for the benefit of all Arkansans by developing, encouraging, and supporting arts in education for lifelong learning; community cultural development; fair and equitable access to the arts for all Arkansans; and artistic excellence, diversity, and innovation.

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 operates competitive grant programs including grants and long-term residencies in Arts In Education (AIE), general operating support grants for established local arts organizations (GOS), and technical assistance grants for new and expanding arts groups (EXP). Grants are awarded for project support in all arts disciplines. The statewide Arts On Tour program (AOT) and the Individual Artist Fellowship program are also supported by the Arts Council.

The Arts Council operates a comprehensive grant program for Major Arts Partners (MAP), which includes a project support program that builds partnerships between the large arts organizations and smaller organizations across the state.

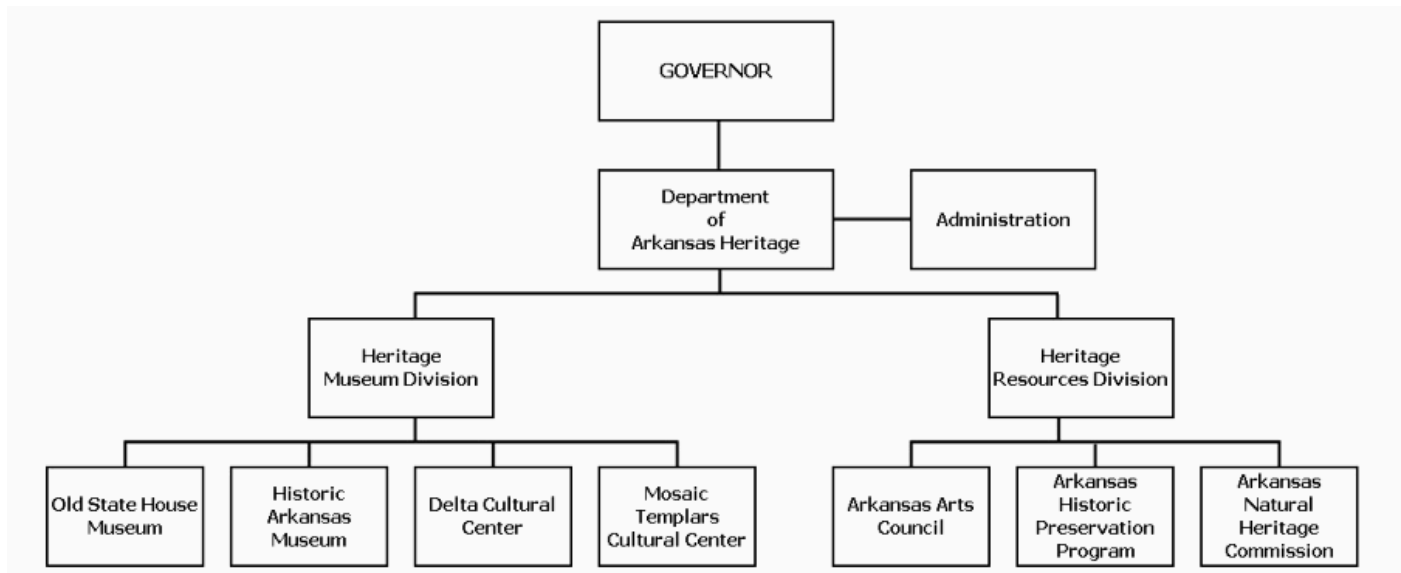
The Arts Council offers technical, supportive, and informational services for artists, administrators, teachers, and community leaders. The Arts Council website provides information about the Council plus local, regional and national resource information to the arts community and the general public.

One of the most widely used services at the Arts Council, the Arkansas Artists Registry, documents and promotes Arkansas art and Arkansas artists. The registry has a comprehensive archival data bank that consists of over 3,500 slides by more than 475 artists and includes resumes and information about their special qualifications.

Agency Board or Commission

The Arkansas Arts 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 (federal and state appropriations) and with formulating policy for the future development of the arts in Arkansas.



Agency Commentary

See Agency Commentary in DAH - Central Administration page 25.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
 AUDIT OF :
 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE - ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

Findings

Recommendations

Findings are reported in a single audit under DAH - Central Administration page 27.

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	2	6	8	89 %
Black Employees	1	0	1	11 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			1	11 %
Total Employees			9	100 %

Publications

A.C.A 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Annual Report	A.C.A. §13-8-106(f)	Y	N	1	Governor's Office request

Department Appropriation / Program Summary

Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation								
Appropriation / Program	2003-2004		2004-2005		2004-2005		2005-2006				2006-2007			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
484 Arts Council-State Operations	760,355	8	659,739	8	981,447	8	1,383,380	8	691,388	8	1,394,834	8	702,842	8
486 Arts Federal Program	590,911	2	606,450	2	682,427	2	609,125	2	609,125	2	611,115	2	611,115	2
943 Arts Council-Treasury	68,383	0	89,992	0	63,387	0	89,992	0	89,992	0	89,992	0	89,992	0
Total	1,419,649	10	1,356,181	10	1,727,261	10	2,082,497	10	1,390,505	10	2,095,941	10	1,403,949	10

Funding Sources			%		%		%		%		%		%		
Fund Balance	4000005	31,373	2.1	82,047	6.0			9,777	0.5	9,777	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
General Revenue	4000010	760,355	50.6	641,925	47.0			1,383,380	68.5	691,388	52.1	1,394,834	68.9	702,842	52.8
Federal Revenue	4000020	590,911	39.3	606,450	44.4			609,125	30.2	609,125	45.9	611,115	30.2	611,115	45.9
Cash Fund	4000045	119,057	8.0	17,722	1.3			18,000	0.8	18,000	1.3	18,000	0.9	18,000	1.3
Merit Adjustment Fund	4000055	0	0.0	17,814	1.3			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total Funds		1,501,696	100.0	1,365,958	100.0			2,020,282	100.0	1,328,290	100.0	2,023,949	100.0	1,331,957	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(82,047)		(9,777)				62,215		62,215		71,992		71,992	
Grand Total		1,419,649		1,356,181				2,082,497		1,390,505		2,095,941		1,403,949	

Budgeted exceeds Authorized Appropriation (943) due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation / Program: 484 - Arts Council-State Operations

Funding Sources: HRA Arkansas Heritage Fund

This appropriation provides State Funding for the Department of Arkansas Heritage - Office of Arts and Humanities (Arts Council). Established in 1971, the purpose of this Agency is to provide a comprehensive statewide program for the support of arts in Arkansas by providing services and grants to support arts endeavors that encourage and assist Arkansas artists. In addition, the Arts Council staff assists with related arts projects, including surveys, research, and planning.

Base Level for this appropriation includes graduated salary increases of 3% to 1.5% each year over FY05 salary levels, along with related Personal Services Matching for eight (8) Base Level positions. This includes a \$600 minimum increase for employees earning \$20,000 or below. Included in Personal Services Matching is a \$40 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match of \$320 per month.

The Change Level Requests total \$708,741 in FY06 and \$708,822 in FY07. The Agency's request reflects the following changes:

Additional Salary and Matching totaling \$2,749 in FY06 and \$2,830 in FY07 for a Career Ladder Incentive Program reclassification to maintain an employee who has demonstrated initiative and aptitude by initiating and implementing a media arts program, assisting the Arkansas Film Office by creating an Arkansas filmmaker database, and designing a bi-monthly newsletter for Arkansas filmmakers, all in addition to existing duties and responsibilities.

Additional Operating Expense of \$25,089 each year for increased costs associated with office rent, printing, postage, and in-state travel for the purpose of providing technical assistance to communities, individuals, and non-profit organizations.

Additional Grants of \$675,808 to restore prior level of funding for providing grants to individuals and organizations involved in the production of arts related programming. These grants fund arts education programs in schools and assist with operating expenses of arts program costs in rural and underserved areas.

Additional Travel of \$5,095 to allow staff to complete required training under the Career Ladder Incentive Program.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level, with an additional \$14,000 each year for projected rent increases and \$2,749 in FY06 and \$2,830 in FY07 in Salary and Matching for CLIP position reclassification.

Appropriation / Program Summary

Appropriation / Program: 484 Arts Council-State Operations
Funding Sources: HRA Arkansas Heritage Fund

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	314,568	311,432	311,448	320,745	323,058	323,058	330,320	332,702	332,702
#Positions	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Personal Services Matching 5010003	81,372	85,434	82,037	91,021	91,457	91,457	92,819	93,267	93,267
Operating Expenses 5020002	88,225	63,681	88,770	63,681	88,770	77,681	63,681	88,770	77,681
Travel-Conference Fees 5050009	0	0	0	0	5,095	0	0	5,095	0
Professional Fees and Services 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid 5100004	276,190	199,192	499,192	199,192	875,000	199,192	199,192	875,000	199,192
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	760,355	659,739	981,447	674,639	1,383,380	691,388	686,012	1,394,834	702,842
Funding Sources									
General Revenue 4000010	760,355	641,925		674,639	1,383,380	691,388	686,012	1,394,834	702,842
Merit Adjustment Fund 4000055	0	17,814		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding	760,355	659,739		674,639	1,383,380	691,388	686,012	1,394,834	702,842
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	760,355	659,739		674,639	1,383,380	691,388	686,012	1,394,834	702,842

The FY05 Budgeted amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2003-2005 biennium.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation / Program: 484-Arts Council-State Operations

Funding Sources: HRA Arkansas Heritage Fund

Agency Request

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	674,639	8	674,639	100.0	686,012	8	686,012	100.0
C01	Existing Program	705,992	0	1,380,631	204.6	705,992	0	1,392,004	202.9
C09	CLIP Reclass	2,749	0	1,383,380	205.0	2,830	0	1,394,834	203.3

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	674,639	8	674,639	100.0	686,012	8	686,012	100.0
C01	Existing Program	14,000	0	688,639	102.0	14,000	0	700,012	102.0
C09	CLIP Reclass	2,749	0	691,388	102.4	2,830	0	702,842	102.4

Justification

C01	The first request will restore appropriation and funding to the FY04 expenditure level of \$88,770. This would cover increased costs of office rent, printing, postage, and in-state travel, allowing the agency to operate in an efficient manner, and provide technical assistance to communities, individuals, and non-profit organizations. The second request would restore appropriation and funding for the Arts Council grants to the FY01 expenditure level of \$875,000, allowing the Arts Council to accomplish its objective of providing financial resources to individuals and organizations involved in the production of arts related programming. These grants fund arts education programs in schools, assist community organizations with operating and program costs, and assist in the provision of cultural programs in rural and underserved areas throughout the state. With the decline of general improvement funds available for home districts, more and more communities are turning to alternate sources for the financing of their arts programs. Both schools and communities are finding that the quality of life is greatly enhanced when arts programming is available. By restoring general revenue funds to the FY01 expenditure level, more schools can access grants for arts programming through the Arkansas Arts Council. This will allow those schools to meet the mandate of Act 1506 from the 2001 session that requires public elementary schools provide instruction in the subjects of visual art or music for all students no later than June 1, 2005. The final request would restore appropriation and funding to the FY02 expenditure level. This would allow staff to complete required training under the Career Ladder Incentive Program.
C09	This request provides for a CLIP reclassification from Management Project Analyst I to Management Project Analyst II to maintain an employee that has demonstrated initiative and aptitude by initiating and implementing a media arts program, assisting the Arkansas Film Office by creating an Arkansas Filmmaker Database, and designing a bi-monthly newsletter for Arkansas filmmakers, all in addition to existing responsibilities.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation / Program: 486 - Arts Federal Program

Funding Sources: FHH Natural & Cultural Heritage

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.

Base Level for this appropriation includes graduated salary increases of 3% to 1.5% each year over FY05 salary levels, along with related Personal Services Matching for two (2) Base Level positions. This includes a \$600 minimum increase for employees earning \$20,000 or below. Included in Personal Services Matching is a \$40 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match of \$320 per month.

The Agency Request is for Base Level.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation / Program Summary

Appropriation / Program: 486 Arts Federal Program
Funding Sources: FHH Natural & Cultural Heritage

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	48,149	54,273	54,211	55,900	55,900	55,900	57,576	57,576	57,576
#Positions	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Extra Help 5010001	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
#Extra Help	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Personal Services Matching 5010003	15,207	17,373	16,552	18,421	18,421	18,421	18,735	18,735	18,735
Operating Expenses 5020002	1,174	27,252	27,252	27,252	27,252	27,252	27,252	27,252	27,252
Travel-Conference Fees 5050009	0	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Professional Fees and Services 5060010	0	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid 5100004	526,381	486,082	562,942	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	590,911	606,450	682,427	609,125	609,125	609,125	611,115	611,115	611,115
Funding Sources									
Federal Revenue 4000020	590,911	606,450		609,125	609,125	609,125	611,115	611,115	611,115
Total Funding	590,911	606,450		609,125	609,125	609,125	611,115	611,115	611,115
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	590,911	606,450		609,125	609,125	609,125	611,115	611,115	611,115

The FY05 Budgeted amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2003-2005 biennium.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation / Program: 943 - Arts Council-Treasury

Funding Sources: NNH Cash in Treasury (Arts and Humanities)

This appropriation is funded from cash receipts generated by registration fees 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 dealing with education, organizational development, and marketing Arkansas' craft and traditional artists.

The Agency is requesting unfunded appropriation in the event that income exceeds expected levels.

The Agency Request is for Base Level, as well as additional Grants totaling \$47,908 each year to provide appropriation to support the "Arts in Education Mini Grant Program".

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation / Program Summary

Appropriation / Program: 943 Arts Council-Treasury
Funding Sources: NNH Cash in Treasury (Arts and Humanities)

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses 5020002	18,142	18,250	32,803	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250
Travel-Conference Fees 5050009	3,834	1,000	5,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Professional Fees and Services 5060010	2,401	250	3,000	250	250	250	250	250	250
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid 5100004	44,006	70,492	22,584	22,584	70,492	70,492	22,584	70,492	70,492
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	68,383	89,992	63,387	42,084	89,992	89,992	42,084	89,992	89,992
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	31,373	82,047		9,777	9,777	9,777	0	0	0
Cash Fund 4000045	119,057	17,722		18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Total Funding	150,430	99,769		27,777	27,777	27,777	18,000	18,000	18,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(82,047)	(9,777)		14,307	62,215	62,215	24,084	71,992	71,992
Grand Total	68,383	89,992		42,084	89,992	89,992	42,084	89,992	89,992

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Grants & Aid due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation / Program: 943-Arts Council-Treasury
Funding Sources: NNH Cash in Treasury (Arts and Humanities)

Agency Request

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	42,084	0	42,084	100.0	42,084	0	42,084	100.0
C01	Existing Program	47,908	0	89,992	213.8	47,908	0	89,992	213.8

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	42,084	0	42,084	100.0	42,084	0	42,084	100.0
C01	Existing Program	47,908	0	89,992	213.8	47,908	0	89,992	213.8

Justification

C01	This appropriation level was approved in FY05 through PEER review. This increase provided appropriation for the "Arts in Education Mini Grant Program" provided by the Wingate Charitable Foundation.
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