

The Agency

Rhode Island Council on the Arts

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts was established in 1967. It provides grants, technical assistance and support to arts organizations, schools, community centers, social service organizations, and local governments to bring the arts into the lives of Rhode Islanders. For effective delivery of services to the field, the agency's activities are guided by three core functions: grant-making, partnerships, and facilitation.

Funding within the agency's various grant categories allows the council to address its primary function by awarding grants to non-profit organizations and providing arts programming to support non-profit organizations, schools and individual artists.

The second core function refers to developing strategic partnerships with major institutions and entities from the public and private sectors in order to broaden support for the arts. Current partners are: the National Endowment for the Arts, the New England Foundation for the Arts, the Rhode Island Foundation, the Alliance for Arts Education, Business Volunteers for the Arts, and the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The third core function of the council includes providing technical assistance and information services. These services include management assistance to individual artists and arts organizations, workshops and general dissemination of information through a wide range of publications.

Motion pictures and television play a significant role in the cultural life of the state. Film and TV has grown during the past several decades into an important art form, and film and TV on the national and international level is a formidable economic engine. The combination of the Rhode Island Film & Television Office with the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts reinforces state support for these art forms, enhances the attractiveness of the state to national and international productions, and facilitates economic progress for the state.

The Art for Public Facilities Program allows the council to acquire works of art for state buildings regularly accessible to the general public in order to expand the public experience of art. The council coordinates the process for commissioning art in public facilities in compliance with the Allocation for Art for Public Facilities Act.

Agency Objectives

To ensure that the arts in Rhode Island communities continue to grow and play an increasing role in the welfare and educational experience of Rhode Islanders.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. 42-75 defines the role of the council.

The Budget

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	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	763,968	662,858	699,912	722,191	784,349
Operating Supplies and Expenses	109,342	57,565	104,189	105,410	83,932
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	1,857,872	1,649,972	2,070,725	2,442,549	1,073,850
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$2,731,182	\$2,370,395	\$2,874,826	\$3,270,150	\$1,942,131
Capital Purchases and Equipment	203,207	231,774	400,000	400,000	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$2,934,389	\$2,602,169	\$3,274,826	\$3,670,150	\$1,942,131
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,111,963	1,591,482	1,983,986	1,939,874	991,141
Federal Funds	612,251	698,153	855,840	1,195,276	950,990
Restricted Receipts	-	83,440	-	100,000	-
Other Funds	210,175	229,094	435,000	435,000	-
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FTE Authorization	8.6	7.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	11.6%	11.6%	11.6%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	69.8%	69.8%	69.8%	69.8%	69.8%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Program Measures					
Number of Individuals Benefiting from Council-Assisted Programs	3,186,242	4,046,441	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
Number of Artists Participating in Council-Assisted Programs	13,171	15,372	16,500	16,500	16,500