

**VOLUME III:
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**RHODE ISLAND
COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

Agency Summary

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Agency Mission

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

Agency Description

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) was established in 1967. RISCA achieves its mission by distributing grants and offering technical assistance and support to artists, arts organizations, schools, community centers, social service organizations, and local governments. RISCA employs a variety of methods to carry out its work, including grant-making, strategic partnerships, and public outreach.

Funding within the agency's various grant categories allows the Council to address its primary function by awarding grants to artists and nonprofit organizations to support arts programming in local communities, schools, and other settings. RISCA-supported cultural programs have a significant impact on the local and state economy, providing jobs for artists and the many businesses that depend on a vibrant arts community. RISCA grants also play an important role in providing a complete education for all Rhode Island children and youth, helping students develop creativity and problem-solving skills that will contribute to their success in life.

RISCA is involved in a series of strategic partnerships with major institutions and entities from the public and private sectors to broaden support for the arts in the State. A few current partners include the National Endowment for the Arts, the New England Foundation for the Arts, the Rhode Island Foundation, the Rhode Island Alliance for Arts Education, the Rhode Island Teaching Artists Center (RITAC), VSA arts of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MassMoCA), among others.

RISCA provides technical assistance and information services to many individuals and entities. These services include management assistance to individual artists and arts organizations, workshops, and general dissemination of information through a wide variety of media including the RISCA website and blog, the monthly newsletter, and RISCA's social media accounts. RISCA manages Rhode Island's Art for Public Facilities Program, which allows the Council to commission or acquire works of art for state buildings through the Allocation for Art for Public Facilities Act, which sets aside a portion of funds for the construction or renovation of state facilities for the acquisition of art. The Council coordinates the process for commissioning art in public facilities in compliance with the Act, providing opportunities for the general public to experience art as part of their interaction with state government.

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

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 42-75 defines the role of the Council. RIGL § 42-75.2 describes the Allocation for Art for Public Facilities Act.

Budget

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	2019 Actuals	2020 Actuals	2021 Enacted Budget	2021 Revised Budget	2022 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	3,021,495	3,339,291	3,448,552	4,581,718	3,817,667
Total Expenditures	3,021,495	3,339,291	3,448,552	4,581,718	3,817,667
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	917,478	937,724	944,811	1,077,977	1,053,667
Contract Professional Services	47,109	81,471	47,500	47,500	0
Operating Supplies And Expenses	154,764	153,619	242,659	242,659	225,418
Assistance And Grants	1,582,097	1,943,860	1,623,582	2,623,582	2,028,582
Subtotal: Operating	2,701,448	3,116,674	2,858,552	3,991,718	3,307,667
Capital Purchases And Equipment	320,047	222,617	590,000	590,000	510,000
Subtotal: Other	320,047	222,617	590,000	590,000	510,000
Total Expenditures	3,021,495	3,339,291	3,448,552	4,581,718	3,817,667
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,977,423	2,002,856	2,002,026	2,004,658	2,088,105
Federal Funds	690,646	1,038,635	828,776	1,959,310	1,164,562
Restricted Receipts	5,776	43,319	15,000	15,000	70,000
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	347,651	254,480	602,750	602,750	495,000
Total Expenditures	3,021,495	3,339,291	3,448,552	4,581,718	3,817,667
FTE Authorization	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	9.6

Performance Measures

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Communities Served

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) sets a high standard for serving every Rhode Island community. The figures below represent the percentage of Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns that have been served by RISCA through grants or direct services. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	95.00%	95.00%	0.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Actual	98.00%	196.00%	98.00%	0.00%	

Artists Supported

The figures below represent the number of artists who have been employed or engaged in programs supported by RISCA. This employment is either part-time or full-time and is an indicator of the role the arts play in the state's economy. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Actual	23,542.00	62,457.00	27,345.00	0.00	

Program Participation

The figures below represent the number of individuals who have attended or taken part in arts programs supported by RISCA. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Target	3,800,000.00	3,800,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Actual	4,874,000.00	8,964,123.00	2,151,860.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

		FY 2022	
		FTE	Cost
Unclassified			
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	00316A	1.0	48,719
ARTS IN EDUCATION DIRECTOR	00383F	1.0	56,895
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ARTS COUNCIL)	00833A	1.0	100,829
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FILM & TELEVISION	00839A	1.0	116,609
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	00321A	2.0	112,404
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00321A	3.0	163,803
SENIOR SYSTEMS DESIGN PROGRAMMER	00328A	0.6	44,966
Subtotal Unclassified		9.6	644,225
Subtotal		9.6	644,225
Total Salaries			644,225
Benefits			
FICA			49,283
Health Benefits			109,660
Payroll Accrual			3,759
Retiree Health			34,015
Retirement			187,279
Subtotal			383,996
Total Salaries and Benefits		9.6	1,028,221
Cost Per FTE Position			107,106
Statewide Benefit Assessment			25,446
Payroll Costs		9.6	1,053,667
Total Personnel		9.6	1,053,667
Distribution by Source of Funds			
General Revenue		6.6	753,757
Federal Funds		3.0	299,910
Total All Funds		9.6	1,053,667