

VOLUME III: EDUCATION

**RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL ON THE
ARTS**

Agency Summary

Rhode Island Council on the Arts

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), ArtsEquity, the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 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.G.L. 42-75 defines the role of the Council. R.I.G.L. 42-75.2 describes the Allocation for Art for Public Facilities Act.

Budget

Rhode Island Council on the Arts

	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	3,963,909	3,906,261	4,164,995	4,342,869	4,214,921
Total Expenditures	3,963,909	3,906,261	4,164,995	4,342,869	4,214,921
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	991,103	1,048,371	1,229,729	1,223,876	1,280,400
Contract Professional Services	93,399	99,103	15,000	18,000	15,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	142,188	132,943	283,667	276,879	282,922
Assistance and Grants	2,507,365	2,232,055	2,101,599	2,289,114	2,101,599
Subtotal: Operating	3,734,055	3,512,473	3,629,995	3,807,869	3,679,921
Capital Purchases and Equipment	229,853	393,788	535,000	535,000	535,000
Subtotal: Other	229,853	393,788	535,000	535,000	535,000
Total Expenditures	3,963,909	3,906,261	4,164,995	4,342,869	4,214,921
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,002,288	2,023,260	2,198,276	2,185,921	2,232,328
Federal Funds	1,689,731	1,453,013	1,331,719	1,521,448	1,347,593
Restricted Receipts	284	3,781	50,000	50,500	50,000
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	271,606	426,206	585,000	585,000	585,000
Total Expenditures	3,963,909	3,906,261	4,164,995	4,342,869	4,214,921
FTE Authorization	8.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6

Personnel Agency Summary

Rhode Island Council on the Arts

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	9.6	754,896	9.6	789,536
Subtotal	9.6	754,896	9.6	789,536
Total Salaries		754,896		789,536
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		12,000		0
FICA		58,667		60,398
Health Benefits		115,468		122,216
Payroll Accrual		0		4,581
Retiree Health		33,821		35,686
Retirement		219,205		236,797
Subtotal		439,161		459,678
Total Salaries and Benefits	9.6	1,194,057	9.6	1,249,214
Cost Per FTE Position		124,381		130,126
Statewide Benefit Assessment		29,819		31,186
Payroll Costs	9.6	1,223,876	9.6	1,280,400
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		18,000		15,000
Subtotal		18,000		15,000
Total Personnel	9.6	1,241,876	9.6	1,295,400
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	6.6	901,112	6.6	941,476
Federal Funds	3.0	340,264	3.0	353,924
Restricted Receipts	0.0	500	0.0	0
Total All Funds	9.6	1,241,876	9.6	1,295,400

Personnel

Rhode Island Council on the Arts

Central Management

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0316 A	1.0	52,465	1.0	53,777
ARTS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	0326 A	4.0	260,244	4.0	275,876
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ARTS COUNCIL)	0843 A	1.0	124,788	1.0	133,919
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FILM & TELEVISION	0839 A	1.0	125,575	1.0	128,714
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	0321 A	2.0	122,323	2.0	127,234
SENIOR SYSTEMS DESIGN PROGRAMMER	0328 A	0.6	69,501	0.6	70,016
Subtotal Unclassified		9.6	754,896	9.6	789,536
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Performance Measures

Rhode Island Council on the Arts

Central Management

Eligible Program Grant Applications

Through its grant making activities, RISCA supports non-profit organizations, schools, individual artists and culture bearers in order to build a strong ecosystem of arts education, cultural development, economic development, social cohesion, public health and cultural expression in the state of Rhode Island. Our efforts focus on broad outreach to communities across the state. The figures below represent the number of eligible applications received by RISCA. [Note: This is a new performance measure. Historical targets are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	--	580	620
Actual	690	383	572	--	--

Funded and Approved Grants

Through its grant making activities, RISCA supports non-profit organizations, schools, individual artists and culture bearers in order to build a strong ecosystem of arts education, cultural development, economic development, social cohesion, public health and cultural expression in Rhode Island. Our efforts focus on broad outreach to communities across the state. The figures below represent the numbers of eligible applications funded and approved by the Governor's appointed council. [Note: This is a new performance measure. Historical targets are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	--	250	250
Actual	302	292	214	--	--

Grant Awards

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	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	--	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Actual	\$1,045,406	\$747,292	\$981,692	--	--

Total Dollar Request of Eligible Applications Received

Through its grant making activities, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts supports non-profit organizations, schools, individual artists and culture bearers in order to build a strong ecosystem of arts education, cultural development, economic development, social cohesion, public health and cultural expression in the state of Rhode Island. Our efforts focus on broad outreach to communities across the state. The figures below represent the dollar amounts that RI organizations and artists requested during the fiscal year. [Note: This is a new performance measure. Historical targets are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	--	\$2,500,500	\$2,500,500
Actual	\$2,986,490	\$1,944,424	\$2,735,992	--	--