

**VOLUME III: EDUCATION**

**RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL ON THE  
ARTS**

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## Agency Summary

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### Rhode Island Council on the Arts

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#### Agency Mission

Through grantmaking, programming, convening, policy-building, and education, RISCA ensures that arts and culture will plan an ever more significant part in the well-being and experience of all our residents.

#### 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 and R.I.G.L. 42-75.2 describes the Allocation for Art for Public Facilities Act.

# Budget

## Rhode Island Council on the Arts

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Central Management	3,906,261	3,399,615	3,869,758	3,877,350	3,976,337
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,906,261</b>	<b>3,399,615</b>	<b>3,869,758</b>	<b>3,877,350</b>	<b>3,976,337</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	1,048,371	1,164,964	1,315,830	1,325,591	1,405,289
Contract Professional Services	99,103	203,497	83,000	83,000	83,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	132,943	175,289	169,922	167,753	187,042
Assistance and Grants	2,232,055	1,759,671	1,766,006	1,766,006	1,766,006
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>3,512,473</b>	<b>3,303,420</b>	<b>3,334,758</b>	<b>3,342,350</b>	<b>3,441,337</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	393,788	96,195	535,000	535,000	535,000
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>393,788</b>	<b>96,195</b>	<b>535,000</b>	<b>535,000</b>	<b>535,000</b>
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<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	2,023,260	2,129,661	2,292,758	2,303,238	2,395,211
Federal Funds	1,453,013	1,082,807	987,000	986,151	996,126
Restricted Receipts	3,781	33,164	5,000	2,961	0
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	426,206	153,983	585,000	585,000	585,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,906,261</b>	<b>3,399,615</b>	<b>3,869,758</b>	<b>3,877,350</b>	<b>3,976,337</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>

# Personnel Agency Summary

## Rhode Island Council on the Arts

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	10.0	835,596	10.0	856,650
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>835,596</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>856,650</b>
Turnover		(34,933)		0
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>800,663</b>		<b>856,650</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
FICA		62,200		65,533
Health Benefits		145,027		157,321
Payroll Accrual		4,752		4,971
Retiree Health		36,752		33,753
Retirement		244,079		253,224
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>492,810</b>		<b>514,802</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,293,473</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,371,452</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>129,347</b>		<b>137,145</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		32,118		33,837
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,325,591</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,405,289</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Management & Consultant Services		38,000		38,000
Other Contracts		45,000		45,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>83,000</b>		<b>83,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,408,591</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,488,289</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	7.0	987,516	7.0	1,057,239
Federal Funds	3.0	373,075	3.0	383,050
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	48,000	0.0	48,000
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,408,591</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,488,289</b>

# Personnel

## Rhode Island Council on the Arts

### Central Management

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0316 A	1.0	53,777	1.0	53,777
ARTS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	0326 A	3.0	206,934	3.0	216,744
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	0836 A	1.0	97,386	1.0	101,021
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ARTS COUNCIL)	0843 A	1.0	136,650	1.0	142,385
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FILM & TELEVISION	0839 A	1.0	128,714	1.0	128,714
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	0821 A	2.0	125,470	2.0	127,344
SENIOR SYSTEMS DESIGN PROGRAMMER	0328 A	1.0	86,665	1.0	86,665
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>10.0</b>	<b>835,596</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>856,650</b>
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## Performance Measures

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### Rhode Island Council on the Arts

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#### Central Management

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##### Eligible Program Grant Applications

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	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Frequency:</b> Annual					
<b>Target</b>	--	--	580	620	620
<b>Actual</b>	383	572	599	--	--

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##### Funded and Approved Grants

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	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Frequency:</b> Annual					
<b>Target</b>	--	--	250	250	300
<b>Actual</b>	292	214	289	--	--

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##### Grant Awards

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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. RISCA's efforts focus on broad outreach to communities across the state. The figures below represent the dollar amounts granted during the fiscal year. [Note: This was a new performance measure in FY 2023 and historical targets are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Frequency:</b> Annual					
<b>Target</b>	--	--	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,220,000
<b>Actual</b>	\$747,292	\$981,692	\$1,048,209	--	--

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##### Total Dollar Request of Eligible Applications Received

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	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Frequency:</b> Annual					
<b>Target</b>	--	--	\$2,500,500	\$2,500,500	\$2,500,500
<b>Actual</b>	\$1,944,424	\$2,735,992	\$2,378,458	--	--

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