

**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 play an ever more significant part in the well-being and experience of all Rhode Island 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, folk and traditional artists, arts and culture organizations, schools, community centers, social and human service organizations, community development organizations, and local governments. RISCA employs a variety of methods to carry out its work, including grant-making, convening, 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), the UMass Amherst Arts Extension Service, 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

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Central Management	3,445,438	3,727,326	4,242,454	4,210,701	4,513,141
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,445,438</b>	<b>3,727,326</b>	<b>4,242,454</b>	<b>4,210,701</b>	<b>4,513,141</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	1,277,214	1,384,661	1,561,665	1,563,567	1,606,002
Contract Professional Services	265,052	342,983	340,363	383,974	353,974
Operating Supplies and Expenses	162,057	212,999	208,924	236,430	359,255
Assistance and Grants	1,619,040	1,456,433	1,593,502	1,486,201	1,610,000
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>3,323,363</b>	<b>3,397,076</b>	<b>3,704,454</b>	<b>3,670,172</b>	<b>3,929,231</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	122,075	330,250	538,000	540,529	583,910
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>122,075</b>	<b>330,250</b>	<b>538,000</b>	<b>540,529</b>	<b>583,910</b>
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<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	2,297,462	2,412,493	2,414,685	2,416,128	2,610,565
Federal Funds	976,489	825,041	1,022,711	1,093,573	1,160,576
Restricted Receipts	0	0	115,058	0	0
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	171,487	489,791	690,000	701,000	742,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,445,438</b>	<b>3,727,326</b>	<b>4,242,454</b>	<b>4,210,701</b>	<b>4,513,141</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>

## Personnel Agency Summary

### Rhode Island Council on the Arts

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	10.0	921,958	10.0	962,537
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>921,958</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>962,537</b>
Turnover		(1,824)		(14,072)
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>920,134</b>		<b>948,465</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
FICA		70,391		72,560
Health Benefits		217,287		232,837
Payroll Accrual		5,364		5,470
Retiree Health		29,905		29,214
Retirement		293,804		289,003
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>616,751</b>		<b>629,084</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,536,885</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,577,549</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>153,689</b>		<b>157,755</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		26,682		28,453
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,563,567</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,606,002</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		178,974		168,974
Management & Consultant Services		94,000		84,000
Other Contracts		111,000		101,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>383,974</b>		<b>353,974</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,947,541</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,959,976</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	7.0	1,176,666	7.0	1,208,378
Federal Funds	3.0	608,875	3.0	594,598
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	162,000	0.0	157,000
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,947,541</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1,959,976</b>

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## Rhode Island Council on the Arts

### Central Management

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<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0316 A	1.0	55,928	1.0	57,606
ARTS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	0326 A	3.0	232,903	3.0	242,463
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RISCA)	0836 A	1.0	107,184	1.0	114,435
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ARTS COUNCIL)	0843 A	1.0	149,383	1.0	160,246
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FILM & TELEVISION	0839 A	1.0	140,556	1.0	144,773
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	0321 A	2.0	141,367	2.0	145,537
SENIOR SYSTEMS DESIGN PROGRAMMER	0328 A	1.0	94,637	1.0	97,477
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>10.0</b>	<b>921,958</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>962,537</b>
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Longevity Pay			21,916		22,574
Regular Wages			900,042		939,963
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## Performance Measures

### Rhode Island Council on the Arts

#### Central Management

##### Eligible Program Grant Applications

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	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Target</b>	580	620	375	525	525
<b>Actual</b>	599	679	466	--	--

##### Funded and Approved Grants

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	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Target</b>	250	250	166	240	240
<b>Actual</b>	289	277	254	--	--

##### Grant Awards

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<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Target</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$963,903	\$1,040,000	\$1,040,000
<b>Actual</b>	\$1,048,209	\$1,125,452	\$1,003,903	--	--

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

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	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Target</b>	\$2,500,500	\$2,500,500	\$1,969,678	\$2,100,000	\$2,500,000
<b>Actual</b>	\$2,378,458	\$2,944,191	\$1,960,351	--	--