

**VOLUME III:
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**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

	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	3,339,291	3,963,909	5,261,293	4,598,297	4,058,765
Total Expenditures	3,339,291	3,963,909	5,261,293	4,598,297	4,058,765
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	937,724	991,103	1,053,667	1,129,652	1,133,499
Contract Professional Services	81,471	93,399	0	0	15,000
Operating Supplies And Expenses	153,619	142,188	205,964	216,323	248,667
Assistance And Grants	1,943,860	2,507,365	3,491,662	2,742,322	2,101,599
Subtotal: Operating	3,116,674	3,734,055	4,751,293	4,088,297	3,498,765
Capital Purchases And Equipment	222,617	229,853	510,000	510,000	560,000
Subtotal: Other	222,617	229,853	510,000	510,000	560,000
Total Expenditures	3,339,291	3,963,909	5,261,293	4,598,297	4,058,765
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,002,856	2,002,288	2,048,651	2,112,307	2,134,088
Federal Funds	1,038,635	1,689,731	2,677,642	1,950,990	1,324,677
Restricted Receipts	43,319	284	40,000	40,000	15,000
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	254,480	271,606	495,000	495,000	585,000
Total Expenditures	3,339,291	3,963,909	5,261,293	4,598,297	4,058,765
FTE Authorization	8.6	8.6	9.6	9.6	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>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	95.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Actual	196.00%	198.00%	100.00%	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>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Actual	62,457.00	57,345.00	25,000.00	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>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,500,000.00
Actual	8,964,123.00	3,501,860.00	1,500,000.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	00316A	1.0	51,183	1.0	52,463
ARTS IN EDUCATION DIRECTOR	00383F	1.0	59,774	1.0	61,268
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ARTS COUNCIL)	00833A	1.0	105,930	1.0	108,578
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FILM & TELEVISION	00839A	1.0	122,509	1.0	125,572
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	00321A	2.0	116,380	2.0	120,830
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00321A	3.0	172,101	3.0	177,417
SENIOR SYSTEMS DESIGN PROGRAMMER	00328A	0.6	47,242	0.6	48,423
Subtotal Unclassified		9.6	675,119	9.6	694,551
Subtotal		9.6	675,119	9.6	694,551
Turnover			(1,962)		0
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			15,342		0
Total Salaries			688,499		694,551
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			12,000		12,000
FICA			53,528		54,050
Health Benefits			102,715		107,400
Payroll Accrual			4,002		0
Retiree Health			37,018		31,655
Retirement			204,130		205,935
Subtotal			413,393		411,040
Total Salaries and Benefits		9.6	1,101,892	9.6	1,105,591
Cost Per FTE Position			114,780		115,166
Statewide Benefit Assessment			27,760		27,908
Payroll Costs		9.6	1,129,652	9.6	1,133,499
Purchased Services					
Other Contracts			0		15,000
Subtotal			0		15,000
Total Personnel		9.6	1,129,652	9.6	1,148,499
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		6.6	817,413	6.6	817,491
Federal Funds		3.0	312,239	3.0	331,008
Total All Funds		9.6	1,129,652	9.6	1,148,499