
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), 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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	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	2,912,159	3,021,495	3,438,248	3,376,559	3,503,487
Total Expenditures	2,912,159	3,021,495	3,438,248	3,376,559	3,503,487
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	884,429	917,478	960,611	945,322	959,746
Contract Professional Services	66,504	47,109	46,400	0	47,500
Operating Supplies And Expenses	146,425	154,764	222,655	222,655	242,659
Assistance And Grants	1,555,314	1,582,097	1,623,582	1,623,582	1,663,582
Subtotal: Operating	2,652,672	2,701,448	2,853,248	2,791,559	2,913,487
Capital Purchases And Equipment	259,487	320,047	585,000	585,000	590,000
Subtotal: Other	259,487	320,047	585,000	585,000	590,000
Total Expenditures	2,912,159	3,021,495	3,438,248	3,376,559	3,503,487
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,919,769	1,977,423	2,004,748	1,993,137	2,056,961
Federal Funds	671,367	690,646	762,500	743,422	828,776
Restricted Receipts	7,950	5,776	45,000	45,000	15,000
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	313,073	347,651	626,000	595,000	602,750
Total Expenditures	2,912,159	3,021,495	3,438,248	3,376,559	3,503,487
FTE Authorization	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6

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>					
	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target		95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Actual		98.00%	98.00%	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>					
	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target		35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	0.00
Actual		57,033.00	23,542.00	28,519.00	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>					
	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target		3,800,000.00	3,800,000.00	3,800,000.00	0.00	0.00
Actual		6,257,000.00	4,874,000.00	4,546,273.00	0.00	

Personnel

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Central Management

	FY 2020		FY 2021		
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	00316A	1.0	48,477	1.0	48,719
ARTS IN EDUCATION DIRECTOR	00383F	1.0	56,613	1.0	56,895
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ARTS COUNCIL)	00833A	1.0	100,329	1.0	100,829
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FILM & TELEVISION	00839A	1.0	116,031	1.0	116,609
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	00321A	1.0	62,466	1.0	62,765
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00321A	3.0	156,774	3.0	161,376
SENIOR SYSTEMS DESIGN PROGRAMMER	00328A	0.6	44,744	0.6	44,966
Subtotal Unclassified		8.6	585,434	8.6	592,159
Subtotal		8.6	585,434	8.6	592,159
Total Salaries			585,434		592,159
Benefits					
FICA			44,785		45,299
Health Benefits			88,401		90,790
Payroll Accrual			3,414		3,463
Retiree Health			38,932		34,761
Retirement			161,232		169,885
Subtotal			336,764		344,198
Total Salaries and Benefits		8.6	922,198	8.6	936,357
Cost Per FTE Position			107,232		108,879
Statewide Benefit Assessment			23,124		23,389
Payroll Costs		8.6	945,322	8.6	959,746
Purchased Services					
Management & Consultant Services			0		25,000
Other Contracts			0		22,500
Subtotal			0		47,500
Total Personnel		8.6	945,322	8.6	1,007,246
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		6.6	737,652	6.6	749,822
Federal Funds		2.0	207,670	2.0	249,924
Operating Transfers from Other Funds		0.0	0	0.0	7,500
Total All Funds		8.6	945,322	8.6	1,007,246