

Agency 69 - Nebraska Arts Council

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) operates under Section 82-3093 to 82-315 and Sections 82-317 to 82-333 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes (reissue 1981).

AGENCY PURPOSE: The enabling legislation for the NAC outlines the purposes of the NAC as follows: 1) stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts, public interest and participation therein; 2) to make such surveys as may be deemed advisable to public and private institutions within the state engaged in artistic and cultural activities, and make recommendations; 3) take steps to encourage public interest; 4) encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression.

Vision Statement:

The Nebraska Arts Council strengthens Nebraska's economy, improves our children's education, and enhances the quality of life by promoting the arts. In addition, our strengths are built by the distinct recognition and celebration of Nebraska's diversity, our understanding of the global arts network, and their relationship to Nebraska's children. Current research validates how important the arts are in our children's education and in economic prosperity, the complex interface between arts and technology, and the ways in which the arts augment our communities' livability through cultural and educational resources, enhancing the Good Life in Nebraska.

Mission Statement:

The Nebraska Arts Council is a state agency that promotes, cultivates, and sustains the arts for the people of Nebraska.

The Nebraska Arts Council carries out its mission through four programs:

- 1) Development of the Arts (Prog. 326) is the administrative program for the operations of the agency.
- 2) Aid to the Arts (Prog. 327) includes the agency's special initiatives and grants programs for cultural arts activities across the state.
- 3) Humanities Aid (Prog. 328) was established by the Legislature to provide funding to the Nebraska Humanities Council on a matching basis.
- 4) Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund (Prog. 329) was established by the Legislature to ensure there is a stable cultural climate in our state for future generations.

Goals:

The NAC's goals to implement its mission:

- 1. To build creative and proactive leadership by expanding the NAC's influence in and beyond the state, building a strong leadership team within the NAC, and providing leadership training and opportunities for Nebraskans in the arts.
- 2. To forge partnerships that create and expand opportunities for the arts.
- 3. To cultivate financial, technological and informational resources needed to sustain the arts in Nebraska.
- 4. To establish the arts as basic to education and lifelong learning.
- 5. To use the arts as a catalyst for understanding among cultures through inclusion, international exchanges, and intensive outreach efforts.
- 6. To advocate for increased awareness and access to the arts.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	1,356,132	1,454,726	2,537,055	1,483,849	2,516,072	1,511,517
Cash Fund	646,861	1,525,000	1,525,000	1,525,000	1,525,000	1,525,000
Federal Fund	700,441	522,600	522,600	523,182	522,600	523,781
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	2,703,434	3,502,326	4,584,655	3,532,031	4,563,672	3,560,298

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Program 326 - Development Of The Arts

Program Objectives:

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Development of the Arts provides the resources to carry out the goals and objectives of the Nebraska Arts Council (NAC).

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	459,729	527,713	725,932	556,836	704,949	584,504
Cash Fund	13,200	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Federal Fund	224,257	143,675	143,675	144,257	143,675	144,856
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	697,186	696,388	894,607	726,093	873,624	754,360

Performance Measures:

Development of the Arts is the administrative program for the operations of the agency. The principal workload of the agency relates to the intake and processing of grant applications. Secondary tasks relate to support for agency services and initiatives, and to maintaining agency records, processing payments to grantees and vendors, arranging travel for staff, Council and grant review panelists, and complying with DAS and other state government regulations.

Development of the Arts also includes publications, such as the Flatwater Arts Companion, and support for agency events.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
Applications received/processed	553	246 to date	590	600
Grant and artist review panels held	8	5 to date	7	8
Volunteer review panelists	61	36 to date	50	62
Outreach contacts	75	32 to date	100	100
Training participants	288	80 to date	300	300
Flatwater newsletters distrib.	19,420	14,565 to date	20,000	20,000
Artists in NAC rosters	147	160 to date	170	175
Total # of grants awarded	422	162 to date	450	475
Total amount of grants awarded	\$1,556,003	\$927,189 to date	\$1,788,000	\$1,788,000
Schools served by NAC grants	97	15 to date	100	100

Agency 69 - Nebraska Arts Council Program 327 - Aid To The Arts

Program Objectives:

The Nebraska Arts Council carries out its mission through four programs: Development of the Arts (Prog. 326), Aid to the Arts (Prog. 327), Humanities Aid (Prog. 328), and Arts and Humanities Cash Fund (Prog. 329)

Aid to the Arts describes the agency's granting program, which provides funding for: arts projects by Nebraska nonprofit organizations, residencies in schools or community settings, and for operating support to nonprofit arts organizations across the state. Funds distributed through Aid to the Arts include both legislative appropriations and grant monies from the National Endowment for the Arts. The NAC competes with the other 49 state arts agencies for grants from the NEA.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	772,465	803,075	1,650,075	803,075	1,650,075	803,075
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	476,184	378,925	378,925	378,925	378,925	378,925
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	1,248,649	1,182,000	2,029,000	1,182,000	2,029,000	1,182,000

Performance Measures:

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Performance measures for this program relate to services provided to the State of Nebraska and its citizens through the grants programs.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
# of Arts Education grants	111	15 to date	115	120
# of Basic Support grants	63	64	64	69
# of Multicultural grants	47	22 to date	52	57
# of project-related grants	129	55 to date	135	140
# of artists services provided	53	27 to date	60	65
Applications received/processed	553	246 to date	590	600
Total # of grants awarded	422	162 to date	450	475
Total amount of grants awarded	\$1,556,003	\$927,189 to date	\$1,788,000	\$1,788,000
Youth benefitting from NAC grants	176,418	178,000 est.	179,000	180,000
# benefitting from funded grants	907,394	908,000 est.	910,500	920,000

Agency 69 - Nebraska Arts Council Program 328 - Nebraska Humanities Council

Program Objectives:

The Nebraska Arts Council carries out its mission through four programs: 1) Development of the Arts (Prog. 326); Aid to the Arts (Prog. 327); 3) Humanities Aid (Prog. 328); and 4) Nebraska Arts and Humanities fund (Prog. 329).

Humanities Aid carries out the Legislature's desire to fund programs of the Nebraska Humanities Council on a matching basis.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	123,938	123,938	161,048	123,938	161,048	123,938
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	123,938	123,938	161,048	123,938	161,048	123,938

Performance Measures:

"Capitol Forum" is a curriculum to engage high school students in exploring political, philosophical, and economic dimensions of U.S. foreign policy.

"Choices for the 21st Century" is a discussion series offered through libraries that involves Nebraskans in debates about 21st Century U.S. foreign policy.

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Program 329 - Nebraska Arts And Humanities

Program Objectives:

Program 329 was created as a result of the creation of the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment act, LB799, which was signed into law in 1998.

This bill, as is reflected in Sections 82-330 through 82-333, established a trust fund in the state treasury for the purpose of stabilizing the state's cultural climate. The Nebraska Arts Council administers and distributes the Nebraska Arts and Humanities Cash Fund, which results from the earnings of the trust fund. The Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Humanities Council may draw down the earnings upon proving a dollar-for-dollar match. These funds support programs that stabilize the state's cultural climate.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	633,661	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	633,661	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000

Performance Measures:

The two agencies draw down revenue from the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment as they match that revenue with funds from other sources. Both agencies have as a priority the stabilization of the state's cultural climate. Performance measures relate to the increased cultural activity supported by each agency through funds generated from the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment and accessed via the Nebraska Arts and Humanities fund.