

Agency 69 - Nebraska Arts Council

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) operates under Sections 82-309 to 82-305 and Sections 82-317 to 82-333 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes (reissued 1981).

Agency Purpose: The enabling legislation for the NAC provides that the NAC: 1) stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts, public interest and participation therein; 2) 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 freedom of artistic expression.

Vision Statement:

The Nebraska Arts Council strengthens Nebraska's economy, increases student's cognitive learning skills, and enhances our quality of life. The NAC accomplishes this by supporting arts activities through grants and technical assistance for nonprofit arts organizations such as museums, symphonies, playhouses and community arts councils, nonprofit community and social service agencies that provide arts activities, public and private schools, colleges and universities and artists, writers, and performers.

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. All Nebraskans deserve access to the arts.
2. The arts are a catalyst for promoting understanding among cultures.
3. Education in the arts is basic to lifelong learning.
4. Partnerships create and expand opportunities and allow the arts to grow and flourish.
5. Human, financial and technological resources are needed to sustain the arts in Nebraska.
6. The arts are important to Nebraska's economy, quality of life and the education of its children.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	1,347,542	1,350,741	1,683,198	1,358,159	1,673,198	1,370,535
Cash Fund	494,316	1,510,000	1,510,000	760,000	1,510,000	760,000
Federal Fund	641,412	649,400	649,400	652,266	649,400	655,547
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	2,483,270	3,510,141	3,842,598	2,770,425	3,832,598	2,786,082

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Program 326 - Development Of The Arts

Program Objectives:

Development of the Arts provides the resources to carry out the goals and objectives of the Nebraska Arts Council (NAC). The NAC emphasizes visibility, responsiveness, and taking the leadership role in facilitating projects or partnerships that benefit the state of Nebraska by utilizing the arts. Developments of the Arts funds include both legislative appropriations and grant monies from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	540,752	581,224	646,544	588,642	636,544	601,018
Cash Fund	14,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Federal Fund	152,012	128,590	128,590	131,456	128,590	134,737
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	706,764	719,814	785,134	730,098	775,134	745,755

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, and to processing grant payments and reports. 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, web-site development, outreach to constituents and support for agency events.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
Total amount of grants requested	\$2,031,351	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Total amount of grants awarded	\$1,362,202	\$1,338,190	\$1,473,190	\$1,493,190
% of request funded	67%	59%	58%	58%
# Applications received/processed	429	450	475	500
Total # of grants awarded	341	360	400	450
# Volunteer review panelists	60	60	70	70
# Days for Office on Wheels trips	30	32	35	35
# attending NAC workshops	775	895	900	900
# Artists in NAC rosters	148	154	160	165
# Schools served by NAC grants	185	195	200	200

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

Program Objectives:

Aid to the Arts includes the agency's grants programs and special initiatives. Grants are awarded for cultural arts activities across the state. Grants provide 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. Aid to the Arts funds include both legislative appropriations and grant monies from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	623,927	586,654	836,654	586,654	836,654	586,654
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	489,400	520,810	520,810	520,810	520,810	520,810
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,113,327	1,107,464	1,357,464	1,107,464	1,357,464	1,107,464

Performance Measures:

Aid to the Arts describes the agency's granting program, which provides funding for arts projects sponsored by Nebraska nonprofit organizations, for artist residencies in schools or community settings, and for operating support to nonprofit arts organizations across the state.

Current research validates that the arts are increasingly important in our children's education, boost our communities economically, have a complex interface with technology, and allow our communities to enjoy cultural and educational resources that enhance Nebraska's quality of life.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
Amount of grants requested	\$2,031,351	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Amount of grants awarded	\$1,362,202	\$1,338,190	\$1,473,190	\$1,473,190
% of request funded	63%	67%	57%	57%
# Arts Education grants	95	100	120	120
# of Operating Support grants	61	63	66	66
# Multicultural Initiative grants	40	45	65	75
# Project-related grants	111	125	135	135
# Individuals benefiting from	3,500,000	4,000,000	4,250,000	4,250,000
# Youth benefiting from NAC-funded	860,000	880,000	880,000	880,000
# Artists participating in NAC-funded pr	28,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

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Program 328 - Nebraska Humanities Council

Program Objectives:

The NHC's mission is to provide high-quality public education in our history and culture with particular emphasis on reaching audiences that for reasons of geography, income, or education may not have access to the humanities. An increase in state funds of \$17,137 are requested to support the core programs of the Council including grants to communities, the Speakers' Bureau, Chautauqua, Capitol Forum, and to continue to sustain and expand family literacy programs.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	182,863	182,863	200,000	182,863	200,000	182,863
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	182,863	182,863	200,000	182,863	200,000	182,863

Performance Measures:

State funds are requested to support the core programs of the Council including grants to communities, the speakers bureau, Chautauqua, Capitol Forum, and to continue to sustain and expand family literacy programs.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
# individuals participating NHC	177,512	185,000	195,000	205,000
% of positive feedback on programs	98.5%	98.5%	98.5%	98.5%
% from 1st District	38%	38%	38%	36%
% from 2nd District	24%	25%	29%	30%
% from 3rd District	31%	30%	33%	34%
# Library participatin in NHC programs	42	42	48	52
# Museums that participate in NHC	46	46	50	52
# K-12 schools in NHC programs	156	156	170	172
% of students engaged in Capitol Forum	84%	85%	86%	88%
% of time parents read to children	88%	88%	88%	88%

Agency 69 - Nebraska Arts Council 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 FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	480,316	1,500,000	1,500,000	750,000	1,500,000	750,000
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	480,316	1,500,000	1,500,000	750,000	1,500,000	750,000

Performance Measures:

Program 329, as is reflected in Section 82-330 through 82-833, 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 earnings in excess of a \$5,500,000 balance to the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. The Nebraska Cultural Endowment was created solely for the purpose of raising private dollars to match the State trust earnings. The Nebraska Cultural Endowment's fundraising efforts enables the Nebraska Arts Council and Nebraska Humanities Council to access the earnings from the state held \$5 million fund.

Description	FY06 Actual	FY07	FY08 Request	FY09 Request
Earnings from the CPEF	\$480,315	N/A	N/A	N/A
Funds to the NAC	\$366,221	N/A	N/A	N/A
Funds to the NHC	\$144,094	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions to NCE	\$469,869	\$500,000	\$950,235	\$1,382,000
Pledges to the NCE	\$860,100	\$900,000	\$950,000	\$1,000,000
NCE Fund Balance	\$2,667,865	\$3,167,765	\$4,118,000	\$5,500,000