

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 82-329 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes (reissue 1981). The purposes of the NAC are 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. Research validates that the arts are important in our children's education, boost our communities economically, and allow our communities to enjoy cultural and educational resources that enhance Nebraska's Good Life.

Mission Statement:

The NAC is a state agency which promotes the arts, cultivates resources, and supports excellence in artistic endeavors for all Nebraskans. The NAC has four programs: 1) Development of the Arts, 2) Aid to the Arts, 3) Humanities Aid and 4) Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund. Development of the Arts is the administrative program for the operations of the agency. Aid to the Arts includes the grant programs and special initiatives of the agency. Humanities aid was established to provide funding to the Nebraska Humanities Council on a matching basis. Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund was established to ensure there is a stable cultural climate in our state for future generations.

Goals:

1. To increase opportunities for and awareness of Nebraska artists;
2. To assist the development and expansion of Nebraska arts organizations and community arts councils;
3. To establish the arts as basic in education and the lifelong learning of all Nebraskans;
4. To cultivate the arts as a catalyst for understanding among cultures;
5. To increase accessibility to the arts for all Nebraskans;
6. To forge partnerships that create and sustain new funding sources for arts in Nebraska;
7. To encourage high quality & innovation in artistic endeavors;
8. To build a communication hub for arts information & policy; and,
9. To maintain visible, proactive leadership.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	1,313,222	1,408,628	1,923,709	1,426,449	1,877,763	1,448,103
Cash Fund	14,889	425,000	1,525,000	1,525,000	1,525,000	1,525,000
Federal Fund	517,279	487,700	667,700	490,099	487,700	493,143
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	1,845,390	2,321,328	4,116,409	3,441,548	3,890,463	3,466,246

Agency 69 - Nebraska Arts Council Program 326 - Development Of The Arts

Program Objectives:

The NAC has four programs: 1) Development of the Arts (326); 2) Aid to the Arts (327); 3) Humanities Aid (328); and 4) Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS is the administrative program for the operations of the agency, including staff and other support operations (see organization flow chart). AID TO THE ARTS includes grant programs and special initiatives of the agency. Approximately 75% of the NAC budget is regranted to arts organizations and every grant is matched at least 1:1. All grant awards are allocated through a public panel process (see program chart). HUMANITIES AID was established by Legislature to provide funding to NE Humanities Council on a matching basis.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	473,368	481,615	705,634	499,436	659,688	521,090
Cash Fund	14,889	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Federal Fund	87,165	139,440	139,440	141,839	139,440	144,883
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	575,422	646,055	870,074	666,275	824,128	690,973

Performance Measures:

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

Program Objectives:

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Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	715,916	803,075	1,068,075	803,075	1,068,075	803,075
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	430,114	348,260	528,260	348,260	348,260	348,260
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	1,146,030	1,151,335	1,596,335	1,151,335	1,416,335	1,151,335

Performance Measures:

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Program 328 - Nebraska Humanities Council

Program Objectives:

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Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	123,938	123,938	150,000	123,938	150,000	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	150,000	123,938	150,000	123,938

Performance Measures:

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Program 329 - Nebraska Arts And Humanities

Program Objectives:

The agency's objectives for the Cultural Preservation Endowment are to stabilize Nebraska arts organizations by helping them to build their endowments and to build an endowment fund for the Nebraska Arts Council with private donations, and to expand arts education in the state. Toward stabilizing arts organizations, the NAC is developing a challenge grant program to which Nebraska arts organizations can apply for grants to build their own endowments. Toward emphasizing education, and expanding education statewide, the NAC is developing grants, workshops, professional development for teachers, special art education research initiatives and technical assistance programs to increase opportunities for arts education projects in the state.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	400,000	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	0	400,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000

Performance Measures: