

- Federal Programs funding increased by 22.2% for the FY 2002-2003 biennium
- Overall funding for the council increased by 1.2% in FY 2002 and 0.5% in FY 2003

Ohio Arts Council

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ROLE

The Ohio Arts Council was established in 1965 to foster and encourage the development of the arts across Ohio and the preservation of the state's cultural heritage. With funds from the state of Ohio and the federal National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the agency administers grant programs that provide financial assistance to artists and arts organizations; the agency also provides services that enhance the growth of the arts.

The council in FY 1998 ranked fourth among the fifty states' arts agencies in terms of budget size and thirteenth in terms of per capita funding.

The council consists of 19 members, with four appointed by the legislature and 15 appointed by the Governor. The agency's executive director is appointed by and reports to the council. The administrative, clerical, and program staff of 38 employees reports to the executive director and administers approximately 22 grant programs and five service programs.

The council's activities comprise four program divisions: Services for Artists, Support for Organizations, Arts in Communities, and Other Programs, Partnerships and Services. Among its various services, the Services for Artists division provides grants and fellowships to support individual artists, traditional arts apprenticeships and artists' projects; and it offers education residency and performing-arts touring opportunities. The Support for Organizations division provides grants to arts institutions and accounts for three-quarters of the agency's program subsidy distributions. Under this program, funds are used to provide grants to various orchestras, dance companies, radio stations, theater groups, art groups, publishers and other organizations, although individuals may also receive annual grant awards. The Arts in Communities division provides developmental assistance, grant awards and services to schools and other community cultural, educational and arts organizations. The other programs provide a variety of services and support to arts organizations around Ohio.

The council's current operations and subsidy programs are based on a master plan the agency completed in FY 1997.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
42	\$16.9 million	\$17.0 million	\$15.6 million	\$15.7 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

As can be seen from the above table, the Arts Council is funded at \$33.9 million over the FY 2002-2003 biennium. This is a decrease of \$0.6 million, or 1.7 percent, from the \$34.5 million disbursed in the previous biennium. The agency's total appropriation increases by 1.2 percent in FY 2002 over FY 2001 disbursements and by 0.5 percent in FY 2003 over FY 2002 funding levels.

The Arts Council's budget, from the executive proposal to the final appropriation, decreased 2.8 percent in each year of the biennium.

The General Revenue Fund (GRF) appropriations constitute 92 percent of the total budget. As the table shows, funding is \$31.3 million for the FY 2002-2003 biennium. This is a decrease of \$1.4 million, or 4.3 percent, from the \$32.7 million disbursed in the previous biennium. The appropriation decreases by 0.7 percent in FY 2002 from FY 2001 disbursements and increases by 0.4 percent in FY 2003 over FY 2002.

The Arts Council's grant programs are supported mainly by its one major budget item, GRF 370-502, Program Subsidies, whose appropriations are \$13,001,284 for each year of the FY 2002-2003 biennium. This line item is funded by GRF appropriations and comprises over 75 percent of the agency's total budget.

A much smaller contribution to the agency's grant budget (\$862,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium) is made by the line item 370-601, Federal Programs, which is funded by federal funds.

Staffing at the agency has been level for several years, except for two positions added in FY 2001. For the biennium, personnel FTE's will remain at 42. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>	
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted							
ART Arts Council, Ohio										
GRF	370-100	Personal Services	\$ 2,074,408	\$ 2,244,107	\$2,292,463	\$ 2,072,941	-9.58%	\$ 2,143,392	3.40%	
GRF	370-200	Maintenance	\$ 675,023	\$ 593,758	\$603,342	\$ 509,475	-15.56%	\$ 505,989	-0.68%	
GRF	370-300	Equipment	\$ 33,500	\$ 44,000	\$13,878	\$ 21,515	55.03%	\$ 21,368	-0.69%	
GRF	370-502	Program Subsidies	\$ 11,733,986	\$ 12,276,866	\$12,799,213	\$ 13,001,284	1.58%	\$ 13,001,284	0.00%	
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 14,516,917	\$ 15,158,731	\$ 15,708,896	\$ 15,605,215	-0.66%	\$ 15,672,032	0.43%	
460	370-602	Gifts and Donations	\$ 222,021	\$ 119,480	\$315,549	\$ 334,969	6.15%	\$ 345,012	3.00%	
4B7	370-603	Percent For Art Acquisitions	\$ 49,849	\$ 15,061	\$28,594	\$ 84,672	196.12%	\$ 86,366	2.00%	
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 271,870	\$ 134,541	\$ 344,144	\$ 419,641	21.94%	\$ 431,378	2.80%	
314	370-601	Federal Programs	\$ 885,970	\$ 774,870	\$635,517	\$ 862,000	35.64%	\$ 862,000	0.00%	
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 885,970	\$ 774,870	\$ 635,517	\$ 862,000	35.64%	\$ 862,000	0.00%	
Arts Council, Ohio Total			\$ 15,674,757	\$ 16,068,142	\$ 16,688,556	\$ 16,886,856	1.19%	\$ 16,965,410	0.47%	