

- Grant program subsidies decrease by 16.9% in FY 2004 and 2.5% in FY 2005
- New federal grant from U.S. Department of Education

Arts Council, Ohio

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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 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 35 employees reports to the Executive Director and administers approximately 22 grant programs and five service programs.

The agency's activities can be separated into three main program divisions: services to artists, support for organizations, and arts in communities. The services to artists division consists of three main programs: Individual Artists, Traditional Apprenticeships, and the Artists' Project. The support for organizations division provides operating support to ongoing arts programming and projects of non-profit organizations. The arts in communities division focuses on developmental assistance, services to underdeveloped areas, and the development of relationships among artists, scholars, contributors, and the public.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
35	\$14.7 million	\$14.3 million	\$12.6 million	\$12.1 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The GRF funding for the Arts Council in FY 2004 decreases 13.5% from FY 2003, and it decreases an additional 3.7% in FY 2005 from FY 2004. Total funding for the Council decreases 7.2% in FY 2004 from FY 2003, and decreases 3.2% in FY 2005 from FY 2004. GRF appropriations for the Council comprise 85% of their total budget.

GRF appropriation item 370-502, Program Subsidies, is the primary source of funding for the Arts Council's grant programs. The appropriation for this line item decreases 16.9% in FY 2004 from FY 2003 and it decreases an additional 2.5% in FY 2005 from FY 2004. These decreases in funding will reduce the level of support that the Arts Council can give to arts organizations across the state that use

these grant moneys for general operating support (maintenance, equipment, etc.). Individual artist grants will also be significantly reduced. The Arts Council receives nearly 1,700 grant applications per year; it is currently funding approximately 800 grants. In the FY 2002-2003 biennium, there were several cuts imposed on the Arts Council's budget, forcing the agency to cut back on the amount of the grant awards to artists and organizations. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 2001: FY 2002: FY 2003: FY 2004 % Change FY 2005 % Change
Appropriations: Appropriations: Appropriations: 2003 to 2004: Appropriations: 2004 to 2005:

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

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GRF	370-100	Personal Services	\$ 2,292,463	\$ 2,117,941	\$2,024,585	\$ 1,896,848	-6.31%	\$ 1,892,879	-0.21%
GRF	370-200	Maintenance	\$ 603,342	\$ 594,475	\$574,022	\$ 547,404	-4.64%	\$ 532,998	-2.63%
GRF	370-300	Equipment	\$ 13,878	\$ 43,941	\$21,368	\$ 227,788	966.02%	\$ 27,056	-88.12%
GRF	370-502	Program Subsidies	\$ 12,799,213	\$ 12,750,126	\$11,902,374	\$ 9,896,320	-16.85%	\$ 9,648,912	-2.50%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 15,708,896	\$ 15,506,483	\$ 14,522,349	\$ 12,568,360	-13.46%	\$ 12,101,845	-3.71%
460	370-602	Operations	\$ 315,549	\$ 526,659	\$446,649	\$ 429,325	-3.88%	\$ 429,325	0.00%
4B7	370-603	Percent For Art Acquisitions	\$ 28,594	\$ 75,035	\$18,379	\$ 86,366	369.92%	\$ 86,366	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 344,144	\$ 601,693	\$ 465,028	\$ 515,691	10.89%	\$ 515,691	0.00%
314	370-601	Federal Programs	\$ 635,517	\$ 740,597	\$888,896	\$ 1,657,300	86.44%	\$ 1,657,300	0.00%
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 635,517	\$ 740,597	\$ 888,896	\$ 1,657,300	86.44%	\$ 1,657,300	0.00%
Arts Council, Ohio Total			\$ 16,688,556	\$ 16,848,773	\$ 15,876,273	\$ 14,741,351	-7.15%	\$ 14,274,836	-3.16%