
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Arts Division – Department of Cultural Affairs

Purpose and History

The Iowa Arts Council was created by the General Assembly in 1967 in SF 625 (State Arts Council Act). The Council was transferred and became a division within the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) in 1986 in SF 2175 (State Government Reorganization Act).

The Council is an advisory council consisting of 15 members, appointed by the Governor, who are recognized for their interest or experience in connection with the performing and fine arts. The term of office of each member of the Council is three years. The Director of the DCA serves as the Executive Director of the Council.

The mission of the Council is to enrich the quality of life and learning in Iowa communities by encouraging excellence in the arts through leadership, networking, grants, and technical assistance.

Funding — State General Fund

The Arts Council receives a State General Fund appropriation. This appropriation represents approximately 67.0% of the Council's budget.

Funding — Other Sources of Revenue

The Council is also funded through the National Endowment for the Arts Partnership Agreements Grant Program. This agreement requires a State match of at least one-to-one for the federal grant.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [303](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [222](#)

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More Information

SF 625: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/62.1/CH0249.pdf

Iowa Arts Council: www.iowaartscouncil.org

SF 2175: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/71.2/CH1245.pdf

National Endowment for the Arts: www.arts.gov

Partnership Agreements Grant Program: arts.gov/grants-organizations/partnership-agreements

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