

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Arts Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs

Purpose and History

The [Iowa Arts Council](#) was created by the General Assembly in 1967 ([Iowa Acts, chapter 249, SF 625–State Arts Council Act](#)). The Council was transferred and became a division within the [Department of Cultural Affairs](#) (DCA) in 1986 ([1986 Iowa Acts, chapter 1245, SF 2175–State Government Reorganization Act](#)).

The Council is an advisory council consisting of 15 members appointed by the Governor that 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, grants, and technical assistance. The Director of the DCA is also the Executive Director of the Council.

Programs and services operated by the Council include Arts in Education, Arts in Community Development, Grant Workshops, the Iowa Scholarships for the Arts, and Public Art and Design. The Council invests in the arts through networking and resources, grants, and communications.

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 Agreement 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, subchapter VI](#)
[222](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Iowa Arts Council: <http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/>

Iowa General Assembly: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov>

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