

# DAH - ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL

## **Enabling Laws**

Act 2019 of 2005.  
A.C.A. § 13-8-101 et seq.

## **History and Organization**

### **Agency Mission Statement**

The Arkansas Arts Council will advance and empower the arts in Arkansas for the benefit of all Arkansans.

### **Brief Discussion of Statutory Responsibilities and Primary Activities**

The Arkansas Arts Council was established in 1966 to enable the State to receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1971, Act 359 (A.C.A. § 13-8-101 et seq.) gave independent agency status to the Arts Council, with an executive director and a 17-member council appointed by the Governor. In 1975, the Arts Council became a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

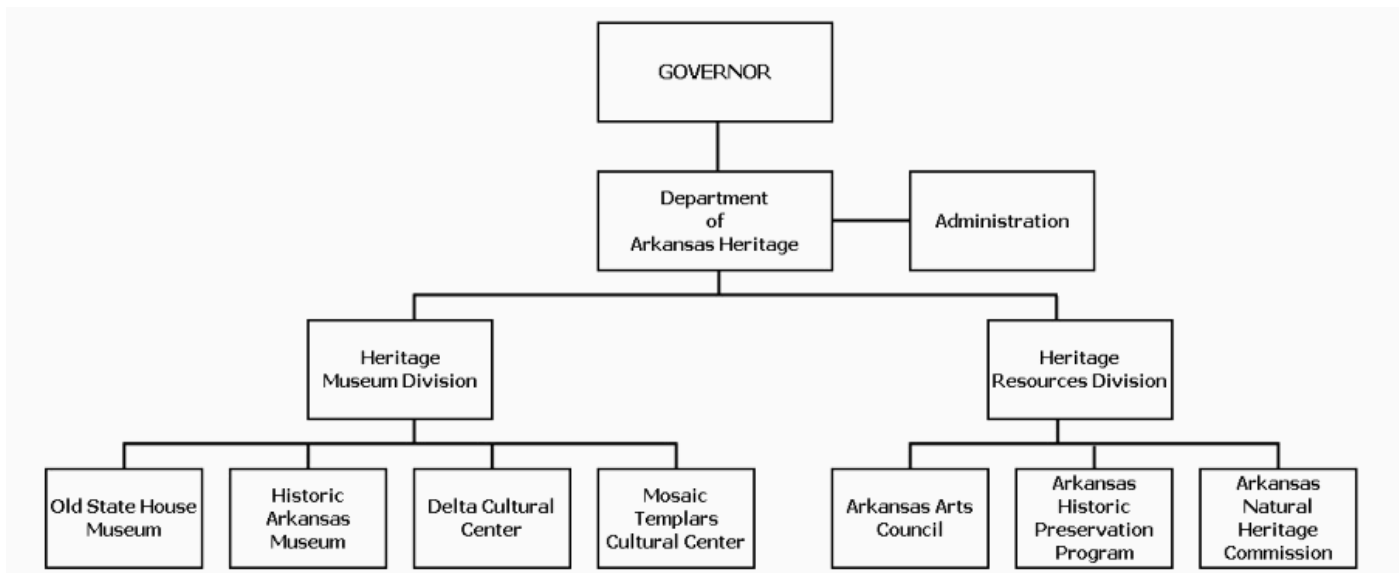
The Arts Council operates competitive grant programs including grants and long-term residencies in Arts In Education, general operating support grants for established local arts organizations, and technical assistance grants for new and expanding arts groups. Grants are awarded for project support in all arts disciplines. The statewide Arts On Tour program and the Individual Artist Fellowship program are also supported by the Arts Council.

The Arts Council offers technical, supportive, and informational services for artists, administrators, teachers, and community leaders. The Arts Council website provides information about the Council, plus local, regional and national resource information to the arts community and the general public.

One of the most widely used services at the Arts Council, the Arkansas Artist Registry, documents and promotes Arkansas art and Arkansas artists. The registry has a comprehensive archival data bank that consists of over 3,500 slides by more than 475 artists and includes resumes and information about their special qualifications.

### **Agency Board or Commission**

The Arkansas Arts Advisory Council is composed of seventeen members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Two appointments are made from each of the eight planning and development districts, and one member serves at large. Council members meet each fiscal quarter and are charged with awarding all grant funds (federal and state appropriations) and with formulating policy for the future development of the arts in Arkansas.



## Agency Commentary

See Agency Commentary in DAH - Central Administration.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
 AUDIT OF :  
 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE – ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

## Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	2	7	9	90 %
Black Employees	1	0	1	10 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			1	10 %
Total Employees			10	100 %

## Publications

### A.C.A 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Annual Report	A.C.A. §13-8-106(f)	Y	N	1	Governor's Office request

## Department Appropriation Summary

Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation								
Appropriation	2005-2006		2006-2007		2006-2007		2007-2008				2008-2009			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
484 Arts Council-State Operations	727,257	8	707,597	8	702,842	8	1,400,719	8	715,124	8	1,403,618	8	715,124	8
486 Arts Federal Program	494,167	2	621,170	2	621,115	2	621,896	2	621,896	2	621,896	2	621,896	2
943 Arts Council-Treasury	144,573	0	48,791	0	89,992	0	198,791	0	198,791	0	198,791	0	198,791	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,365,997</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,377,558</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,413,949</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,221,406</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,535,811</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,224,305</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,535,811</b>	<b>10</b>

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%			
Fund Balance	4000005	34,535	2.3	144,833	9.8			104,102	4.6	104,102	6.6	48,791	2.2	48,791	3.2
General Revenue	4000010	713,072	47.2	706,973	47.7			1,400,719	61.7	715,124	45.1	1,403,618	63.1	715,124	46.6
Federal Revenue	4000020	494,167	32.7	621,170	41.9			621,896	27.4	621,896	39.2	621,896	28.0	621,896	40.5
Cash Fund	4000045	254,871	16.9	8,060	0.5			143,480	6.3	143,480	9.1	150,000	6.7	150,000	9.7
Merit Adjustment Fund	4000055	0	0.0	624	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
DFA Motor Vehicle Acquisition	4000184	14,185	0.9	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,510,830</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,481,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>2,270,197</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,584,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,224,305</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,535,811</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(144,833)		(104,102)				(48,791)		(48,791)		0		0	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,365,997</b>		<b>1,377,558</b>				<b>2,221,406</b>		<b>1,535,811</b>		<b>2,224,305</b>		<b>1,535,811</b>	

The FY06 Actual and FY07 Budgeted amounts for Arts Council State Operations (484) exceed the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate increases and a transfer from the Motor Vehicle Acquisition Fund during the 2005-2007 biennium.

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation for Arts Council Treasury (943) due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account for a grant funding award from the Wingate Foundation.

**Agency Position Usage Report**

FY2004-2005						FY2005-2006						FY2006-2007					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Total	Total	Total	Total			Total				
10	10	0	10	0	0.00%	10	10	0	10	0	0.00%	10	10	0	10	0	0.00%

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 484 - Arts Council-State Operations

**Funding Sources:** HRA Arkansas Heritage Fund

This appropriation provides general revenue funding for the Department of Arkansas Heritage - Office of Arts and Humanities (Arts Council). Established in 1971, the purpose of this Agency is to provide a comprehensive statewide program for the support of arts in Arkansas by providing services and grants to support arts endeavors that encourage and assist Arkansas artists. In addition, the Arts Council staff assists with related arts projects, including surveys, research, and planning.

A cost of living increase is not incorporated in Base Level pending the outcome of the Classification and Compensation Study. FY07 salary levels have been held flat each year for all incumbents. Personal Services Matching may reflect increases in the Base Level due to the Social Security Tax maximum income limit and certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$30 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$350 per month.

The Agency's Change Level requests total \$690,164 in FY08 and \$693,063 in FY09 and reflect the following:

Additional Operating Expenses of \$9,261 in FY08 and \$12,160 in FY09 to provide for ABA projected rent increases, replacement of IT equipment and software in accordance with the Department's IT plan, and additional postage.

Conference & Travel Expenses increase of \$5,095 each year for staff professional development and Career Ladder Incentive training.

Additional Grants totaling \$675,808 each year to support the following grant programs, in order of Agency priority: 1) assisting community organizations with operating and program costs, \$300,000; 2) to assist in the provision of cultural programs in rural and underserved areas throughout the State, \$200,808; and 3) arts education programs in schools, \$175,000.

The Executive Recommendation for new general revenue above the Base Level is:

- \$3,761 each year in Operating Expenses for rent increases and data processing supplies
- \$808 each year in Grants and Aid

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 484 Arts Council-State Operations  
**Funding Sources:** HRA Arkansas Heritage Fund

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007	2007-2008			2008-2009		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	338,942	332,708	332,702	332,708	332,708	332,708	332,708	332,708	332,708
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	97,257	98,016	93,267	100,974	100,974	100,974	100,974	100,974	100,974
Operating Expenses	5020002	77,681	77,681	77,681	77,681	86,942	81,442	77,681	89,841	81,442
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	5,095	0	0	5,095	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	199,192	199,192	199,192	199,192	875,000	200,000	199,192	875,000	200,000
Capital Outlay	5120011	14,185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>727,257</b>	<b>707,597</b>	<b>702,842</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>1,400,719</b>	<b>715,124</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>1,403,618</b>	<b>715,124</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
General Revenue	4000010	713,072	706,973		710,555	1,400,719	715,124	710,555	1,403,618	715,124
Merit Adjustment Fund	4000055	0	624		0	0	0	0	0	0
DFA Motor Vehicle Acquisition	4000184	14,185	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>727,257</b>	<b>707,597</b>		<b>710,555</b>	<b>1,400,719</b>	<b>715,124</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>1,403,618</b>	<b>715,124</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>727,257</b>	<b>707,597</b>		<b>710,555</b>	<b>1,400,719</b>	<b>715,124</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>1,403,618</b>	<b>715,124</b>

The FY06 Actual and FY07 Budgeted amounts in Regular Salaries & Personal Services Matching exceed the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate increases during the 2005-2007 biennium.

The FY06 Actual exceeds the authorized amount in Capital Outlay due to a transfer from the Motor Vehicle Acquisition Fund.

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 484-Arts Council-State Operations

**Funding Sources:** HRA Arkansas Heritage Fund

### Agency Request

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	685,664	0	1,396,219	196.5	688,563	0	1,399,118	196.9
C08	Technology	4,500	0	1,400,719	197.1	4,500	0	1,403,618	197.5

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>710,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	3,569	0	714,124	100.5	3,569	0	714,124	100.5
C08	Technology	1,000	0	715,124	100.6	1,000	0	715,124	100.6

### Justification

C01	Additional Grants totaling \$675,808 each year to support the following grant programs, in order of Agency priority: assist community arts organizations with operating and program costs, \$300,000; assist in the provision of cultural programming in rural and underserved areas throughout the State, \$200,808; and provide artist residencies for students and teachers in schools and after-school programs, \$175,000. The Agency is also requesting an increase in Operating Expenses to provide for increased office rent and postage costs. The request to increase Conference & Travel Expenses will restore appropriation and funding to the FY02 level, allowing staff to complete required training for CLIP and other professional development costs.
C08	This request is to provide increases for anticipated data processing expenses to replace and add IT equipment and software based on the Department's IT Plan for FY08 & FY09.



## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 486 - Arts Federal Program

**Funding Sources:** FHH Natural & Cultural Heritage

This appropriation provides for federal funding received from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Department utilizes this appropriation to provide art programs and grants.

A cost of living increase is not incorporated in Base Level pending the outcome of the Classification and Compensation Study. FY07 salary levels have been held flat each year for all incumbents. Personal Services Matching may reflect increases in the Base Level due to the Social Security Tax maximum income limit and certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$30 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$350 per month.

The Agency Request is for Base Level.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 486 Arts Federal Program  
**Funding Sources:** FHH Natural & Cultural Heritage

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Authorized	2007-2008			2008-2009		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	57,277	56,932	57,576	56,932	56,932	56,932	56,932	56,932	56,932
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Extra Help	5010001	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	18,992	19,434	18,735	20,160	20,160	20,160	20,160	20,160	20,160
Operating Expenses	5020002	21,006	37,252	37,252	37,252	37,252	37,252	37,252	37,252	37,252
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	3,888	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Professional Fees	5060010	5,919	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970	7,970
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	387,085	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082	486,082
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>494,167</b>	<b>621,170</b>	<b>621,115</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Federal Revenue	4000020	494,167	621,170		621,896	621,896	621,896	621,896	621,896	621,896
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>494,167</b>	<b>621,170</b>		<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>494,167</b>	<b>621,170</b>		<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>	<b>621,896</b>

The FY06 Actual and FY07 Budgeted amounts in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceed the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2005-2007 biennium.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 943 - Arts Council-Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NNH Arts & Humanities

This appropriation is funded from cash receipts generated by registration fees and the sales of items purchased for display and for workshop sessions. The Agency coordinates an annual conference on the arts as well as several smaller conferences and workshops dealing with education, organizational development, and marketing Arkansas's craft and traditional artists.

The Agency Change Level request of \$150,000 each year in Grants provides for educational programs and special projects which are funded by foundations and other private organizations.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 943 Arts Council-Treasury  
**Funding Sources:** NNH Arts & Humanities

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Authorized	2007-2008			2008-2009		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	11,629	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	585	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Professional Fees	5060010	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	132,109	29,291	70,492	29,291	179,291	179,291	29,291	179,291	179,291
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>144,573</b>	<b>48,791</b>	<b>89,992</b>	<b>48,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>	<b>48,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	34,535	144,833		104,102	104,102	104,102	198,791	48,791	48,791
Cash Fund	4000045	254,871	8,060		143,480	143,480	143,480	150,000	150,000	150,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>289,406</b>	<b>152,893</b>		<b>247,582</b>	<b>247,582</b>	<b>247,582</b>	<b>348,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(144,833)	(104,102)		(198,791)	(48,791)	(48,791)	(300,000)	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>144,573</b>	<b>48,791</b>		<b>48,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>	<b>48,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>	<b>198,791</b>

FY06 Actual exceeds Authorized in Grants & Aid due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account.

## **Change Level by Appropriation**

**Appropriation:** 943-Arts Council-Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NNH Arts & Humanities

### **Agency Request**

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	48,791	0	48,791	100.0	48,791	0	48,791	100.0
C01	Existing Program	150,000	0	198,791	407.4	150,000	0	198,791	407.4

### **Executive Recommendation**

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	48,791	0	48,791	100.0	48,791	0	48,791	100.0
C01	Existing Program	150,000	0	198,791	407.4	150,000	0	198,791	407.4

### **Justification**

C01	The Arkansas Arts Council requests an additional \$150,000 in cash fund appropriation in the grants line item each year for educational programs and special projects that are funded by foundations and other non-government entities.
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