

History

North Carolina is known throughout the world for its pottery traditions; literary legacy; Southern Appalachian music traditions; jazz, blues and gospel heritage; and an abundance of artists and arts institutions. Recognizing the state’s rich cultural climate, Governor Terry Sanford established a state arts council in 1964 to strengthen North Carolina’s creativity, invention and prosperity. In 1967 the Arts Council published its first survey of the arts in the state, documenting 17 local arts councils and 233 other arts organizations.

Nonprofit Arts Organizations in North Carolina Today: 3,295

arts councils	103
arts consortiums	18
arts centers/facilities/schools	412
artist organizations	426
arts festivals/concert series/cinemas	472
arts publications	17
arts service organizations	106
galleries and museums	586
literary magazines, presses	22
dance companies	133
music performing groups	674
theater performing groups	326

FY 09-10 Grant Activity

Amount Requested	\$13,631,117
Amount Awarded and Spent	\$7,919,359
Total Arts Organization Income	\$223,235,094
Total Project Costs	\$139,711,101
Additional Matching Funds Generated by Arts Council Grant Funds	\$16.64
Percentage of Income Provided by Arts Council Grant Funds	4%

FY09-10 Organizations Funded: 746

Number of Applications from Organizations: 1,076

Arts Organizations: 481

arts centers	28
arts councils	89
artist associations	43
arts service organizations	26
other arts groups	30
performing groups	175
performance facilities	7
museums and galleries	17
small presses, literary magazines	3
fairs, festivals, concert series	63

Other Community Organizations: 265

schools	74
higher education institutions	24
libraries	14
humanities/historical societies, museums	33
community service organizations	69
parks, recreation departments	14
radio, television	1
other community groups	18
local government	18

State Appropriations to the North Carolina Arts Council

Fiscal Year	Recurring \$	Non-Recurring \$	Total \$	Per Capita \$	Population	Population Year
FY 00-01	5,833,398	2,000,000	7,833,398	.97	8,046,813	2000
FY 01-02	5,682,313	250,000	5,932,313	.72	8,203,847	2001
FY 02-03	5,185,798	0	5,185,798	.62	8,319,523	2002
FY 03-04	5,174,431	0	5,174,431	.61	8,421,367	2003
FY 04-05	5,357,237	0	5,357,237	.63	8,538,579	2004
FY 05-06	6,377,952	1,053,154	7,431,106	.86	8,679,291	2005
FY 06-07	6,553,367	1,650,000	8,203,367	.92	8,869,655	2006
FY 07-08	8,387,610	1,000,000	9,387,610	1.04	9,069,370	2007
FY 08-09	8,213,820	1,675,000	9,888,820	1.07	9,240,289	2008
FY 09-10*	7,789,629	167,000	7,956,629	.85	9,397,397	2009
FY10-11	8,041,121	0	8,041,121	.85	9,502,904	2010

1. Designated flow-through line items to individual organizations and Artworks for State Buildings are not included in the above figures.
 2. Appropriation figures are from Arts Council certified budget revenue before reversions.
 3. Current year population figures are projections and will be adjusted when data is released by the State Data Center. Source: State Data Center V5001
- *Appropriation is after Governor's five percent reduction.