

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: 3,122

arts councils	105
arts consortiums	15
arts centers/facilities/schools	378
artist organizations	388
arts festivals/concert series/cinemas	455
arts publications	15
arts service organizations	97
galleries and museums	505
literary magazines, presses	58
dance companies	130
music performing groups	658
theater performing groups	318

FY 08-09 Grant Activity

Amount Requested	\$14,046,461
Amount Awarded and Spent	\$7,506,954
Total Arts Organization Income	\$199,426,083
Total Project Costs	\$133,768,484
Additional Matching Funds Generated by Arts Council Grant Funds	\$16.82
Percentage of Income Provided by Arts Council Grant Funds	4%

FY08-09 Organizations Funded: 855

Number of Applications from Organizations: 1,107

Arts Organizations: 515

arts centers	32
arts councils	86
artist associations	49
arts service organizations	31
other arts groups	24
performing groups	188
performance facilities	11
museums, cinema and galleries	21
small presses, literary magazines	4
fairs, festivals, concert series	69

Other Community Organizations: 340

schools	100
higher education institutions	16
libraries	12
humanities/historical societies, museums	33
community service organizations	106
parks, recreation departments	25
radio, television	1
other community groups	32
local government	15

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	0	7,789,629	.83	9,397,397	2009

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

*FY09-10 Appropriation is after Governor's five percent reduction in August 2009.