

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: 3,002

arts councils	100
arts consortiums	14
arts centers/facilities/schools	363
artist organizations	378
arts festivals/concert series/cinemas	431
arts publications	13
arts service organizations	93
galleries and museums	480
literary magazines, presses	58
dance companies	125
music performing groups	637
theater performing groups	310

FY 07-08 Grant Activity

Amount Requested	\$11,525,146
Amount Awarded and Spent	\$7,387,069
Total Arts Organization Income	\$257,127,365
Total Project Costs	\$124,946,728
Additional Matching Funds Generated by Arts Council Grant Funds	\$15.90
Percentage of Income Provided by Arts Council Grant Funds	3%

FY07-08 Organizations Funded: 883

Number of Applications from Organizations: 1,188

Arts Organizations: 519

arts centers	33
arts councils	91
artist associations	47
arts service organizations	22
other arts groups	30
performing groups	189
performance facilities	13
museums, cinema and galleries	25
small presses, literary magazines	6
fairs, festivals, concert series	63

Other Community Organizations: 364

schools	78
higher education institutions	36
libraries	21
humanities/historical societies, museums	32
community service organizations	110
parks, recreation departments	29
radio, television	2
other community groups	56

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

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