

Agency 387

Washington State Arts Commission

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	17.6	4,678	1,507	6,185
Total Maintenance Level	17.6	4,745	1,535	6,280
Difference		67	28	95
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	1.5%
Performance Changes				
Conserve State Art Collection		118		118
Expand Arts Education Grant Program		150		150
Revise Pension Gain-Sharing #		(6)		(6)
Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit		11		11
WFSE Collective Bargaining Agreement		36		36
Nonrepresented Staff Salary Change		83	1	84
Subtotal		392	1	393
Total Proposed Budget	17.6	5,137	1,536	6,673
Difference		459	29	488
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	9.8%	1.9%	7.9%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Build Participation in the Arts	5.8	973	367	1,340
Local Arts Organizations	2.8	1,705	925	2,630
Public Art	5.8	537	8	545
Support the Arts as Basic Education	3.2	1,752	259	2,011
Other Statewide Adjustments		170	(23)	147
Total Proposed Budget	17.6	5,137	1,536	6,673

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Conserve State Art Collection

State capital funds support the integration of public art into state-owned facilities. The Arts Commission contracts with artists to create site-responsive artworks with partner agencies across the state. Established in 1974, the state art collection includes more than 4,500 pieces of artwork, many of which have significant conservation needs. The Commission will hire a half-time preservation specialist and purchase digital technology that will allow increased access to the collection.

EDUCATION - OTHER

Expand Arts Education Grant Program

The Arts Commission contracts with local community organizations to provide sustainable arts education programming based on Washington's Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs). Commission funding supports multi-year, community-based arts education experiences. Recipients are determined through competitive grant processes that require evidence of instruction based on EALRs, artistic merit, and local partnerships. The Commission is funding nearly 27 percent of total program costs for the 33 programs funded in Fiscal Year 2007. Increased funding will allow for up to five additional grants per year.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Build Participation in the Arts

Washington residents and visitors have expanded opportunities to participate in the arts through the agency's investment in community-based organizations and initiatives throughout the state, including project grants, partnerships, and community arts development. Through funding, technical assistance, and leadership, the agency works with partners to integrate the arts into key local issues such as downtown revitalization, tourism, and services for at-risk youth. A private grant program funds pilot projects to expand arts participation in geographically remote, economically disadvantaged, disabled, and ethnic communities.

Local Arts Organizations

Grant awards to organizations provide financial support for essential programs by leveraging additional funding, reducing admission prices, and expanding public access to quality arts programs. Funding is directed to organizations in various stages of development and requires accountability and evaluation reporting. Two grant fund categories are available to organizations to help them with their general operating expenses.

Public Art

The Art in Public Places program has mandated responsibility (RCW 43.46.090) to acquire and place artwork in publicly accessible places throughout Washington State. The program maintains the acquired artwork through directed conservation and education efforts.

Support the Arts as Basic Education

The arts are integrated into learning opportunities for students of all ages. The agency funds arts education at many levels including programs at public schools, professional arts training institutes, and through folk arts apprenticeships. Teachers, artists, and pre-service teachers receive training in the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) in the Arts, in integrating the arts with other subject areas, and in assessing student progress. Adult learners, including pre-service teachers, arts administrators and others, are trained in the arts, arts management, and community development in the arts through agency-provided workshops and assistance.

Other Statewide Adjustments

This item reflects proposed compensation and other adjustments that were not allocated to individual agency activities. The agency will assign these costs to the proper activities after the budget is enacted.