

**Council on the Arts
Budget No. 709
Senate Bill No. 2010**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriations	6.00	\$2,637,535	\$2,030,000	\$4,667,535
2025-27 base budget	6.00	2,371,630	1,880,000	4,251,630
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	0.00	\$265,905	\$150,000	\$415,905

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2025-27 legislative appropriations	\$2,632,535	\$5,000	\$2,637,535
2023-25 legislative appropriations	2,371,630	258,930	2,630,560
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	\$260,905	(\$253,930)	\$6,975
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	11.0%	(98.1%)	0.3%

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes		\$12,903		\$12,903
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026		48,415		48,415
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month		36,032		36,032
Added funding to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool, including \$69,750 for new positions and \$15,884 for vacant positions		85,634		85,634
Transferred \$23,598 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$16,519, resulting in savings as shown		(7,079)		(7,079)
Added funding for a grants program officer temporary position		85,000		85,000

Added federal funds for an arts across the prairie temporary position			\$150,000	150,000
Added one-time funding for arts across the prairie education		5,000		5,000
Total	0.00	\$265,905	\$150,000	\$415,905

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 6 FTE positions for the Council on the Arts for the 2025-27 biennium, the same level as the 2023-25 biennium.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2010

Cultural endowment fund - Section 3 appropriates all income from the cultural endowment fund to the Council on the Arts during the 2025-27 biennium for furthering the cultural arts in the state, and allows for the spending of accrued interest for the fabrication, site preparation, and installation of arts across the prairie projects.

Gifts, grants, and bequests - Section 4 appropriates all income from gifts, grants, devises, bequests, donations, and assignments received by the Council on the Arts during the 2025-27 biennium.

New and vacant FTE pool - Section 5 provides for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

State troubadour and poet laureate - Section 6 designates \$20,000 from the grants line item to provide \$10,000 each for the State Troubadour and Poet Laureate.

Line item transfers - Section 7 provides authority for the Council on the Arts to transfer funds between line items and requires the Council on the Arts to report transfers to the Legislative Council, Budget Section, and the Appropriations Committees of the 70th Legislative Assembly.

Carryover - Accrued leave - Section 8 authorizes the continuation of \$25,000 of unspent appropriation authority into the 2025-27 biennium for the payout of accrued leave.