

**DEPARTMENT 709 - COUNCIL ON THE ARTS  
2025-27 BASE-LEVEL BUDGET**

**Base Budget - Summary**

	<u><b>Base Level</b></u>
Salaries and wages	\$1,222,195
Operating expenses	674,093
Grants	<u>2,355,342</u>
Total all funds	\$4,251,630
Less other funds	<u>1,880,000</u>
Total general fund	\$2,371,630
Full-time equivalent (FTE) positions	6.00

**Selected Base Budget Information**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Includes funding for state employee salaries and benefits for 6 FTE positions (\$1,186,836) and temporary salaries (\$35,359)	\$1,172,195	\$50,000	\$1,222,195
2. Includes funding for operating expenses, primarily relating to travel (\$80,545), information technology (\$131,600), and the arts across the prairie initiative (\$193,000)	\$437,023	\$237,070	\$674,093
3. Includes funding for grants, primarily for art for life (\$142,500), artist in residence (\$150,000), arts in education (\$339,000), community arts access (\$201,298), folk and traditional arts apprenticeship (\$200,494), institutional support (\$799,167), and general partnership grants (\$340,383)	\$762,412	\$1,592,930	\$2,355,342

**Continuing Appropriations**

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

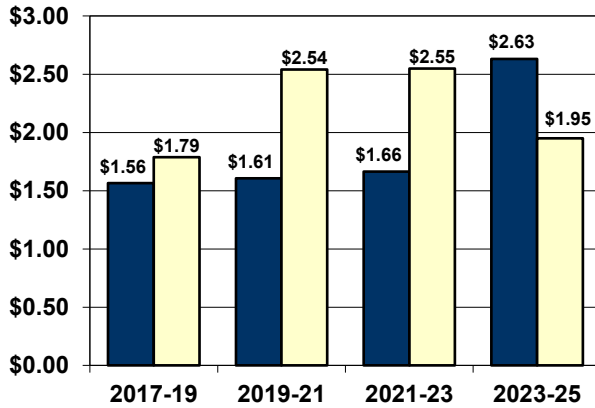
**Cultural Endowments**

**Cultural endowment fund** - North Dakota Century Code Section 54-54-08.1 - Establishes the cultural endowment fund to improve the intrinsic quality of the lives of the state's citizens. The fund was established in 1979. The Legislative Assembly, in House Bill No. 1015 (2021), transferred \$1 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the cultural endowment fund and provided legislative intent that the Council on the Arts expend up to \$50,000 annually from the fund for the maintenance of public arts projects. The fund had a June 30, 2023, balance of \$976,509.

# Historical Appropriations Information

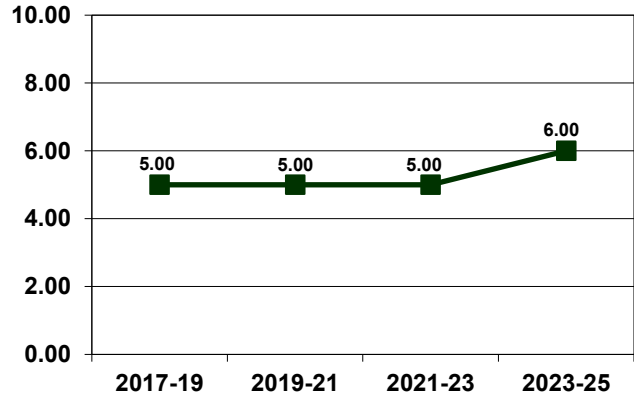
## Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

FTE Positions



### Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$1,630,444	\$1,564,876	\$1,606,204	\$1,662,766	\$2,371,630
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$65,568)	\$41,328	\$56,562	\$708,864
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(4.0%)	2.6%	3.5%	42.6%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(4.0%)	(1.5%)	2.0%	45.5%

### Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

#### 2017-19 Biennium

- Adjusted funding for agency grants (\$26,896)
- Adjusted funding for operating expenses (\$64,373)

#### 2019-21 Biennium

- Increased funding for temporary staff salaries \$7,367
- Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$28,932)
- Added funding for new software costs \$7,810

#### 2021-23 Biennium

- Increased funding for a temporary part-time position \$25,000

#### 2023-25 Biennium

- Added funding for 1 FTE administrative assistant position and related operating costs \$73,750
- Added funding for arts education grants \$113,535
- Added funding for the arts across the prairie initiative \$193,000
- Added funding for inflationary increases and to restore operating reductions made in prior bienniums \$87,048
- Added funding for information technology software and supplies \$51,400

### One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
One-time general fund appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$258,930

## Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

### 2017-19 Biennium

None \$0

### 2019-21 Biennium

None \$0

### 2021-23 Biennium

None \$0

### 2023-25 Biennium

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| 1. Added funding for the arts across the prairie initiative | \$100,000 |
| 2. Added funding for leave payouts for retiring staff       | \$106,430 |
| 3. Added funding for a strategic planning consultant        | \$40,000  |