

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

| | FTE Positions | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 2025-27 legislative appropriation | 6.00 | \$2,637,535 ¹ | \$2,030,000 | \$4,667,535 |
| 2023-25 legislative appropriation | <u>6.00</u> | <u>2,630,560</u> | <u>1,950,000</u> | <u>4,580,560</u> |
| 2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation | 0.00 | \$6,975 | \$80,000 | \$86,975 |

¹This amount includes \$5,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing General Fund appropriation is \$2,632,535.

Item Description

New and vacant FTE pool - The Legislative Assembly transferred \$16,519 for the new and vacant FTE pool line item for the Council on the Arts for estimated savings from vacant positions.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly provided \$5,000 of one-time funding from the General Fund to the Council on the Arts for Arts Across the Prairie Program education.

Arts Across the Prairie Program - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2010, authorized the Council on the Arts to spend accrued interest in the Cultural Endowment Fund, including on the portion of the fund designated for maintenance of art projects constructed as part of the federal Creative Placemaking Program, for the fabrication, site preparation, and installation of Creative Placemaking Program art projects.

Status/Result

Through January 2026, the Council on the Arts had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$1,328. The office reported no vacant FTE positions at the beginning of each month of the biennium through January 2026.

The Council on the Arts reported the agency intends to use the funding for a series of tile-making workshops.

The Council on the Arts reported three projects are currently in progress, with plans for completion by the end of the biennium. As of March 31, 2026, the agency has expended \$146,500 from the Cultural Endowment Fund for the fabrication, site preparation, and installation of Creative Placemaking Program art projects as part of the Arts Across the Prairie Initiative.