



**EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**  
**2025-27 BIENNIUM**

**Budget Summary**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Executive budget recommendation	<b>7.00</b>	<b>\$2,756,601</b>	<b>\$1,880,000</b>	<b>\$4,636,601</b>
Base level	6.00	2,371,630	1,880,000	4,251,630
Increase (decrease)	1.00	\$384,971	\$0	\$384,971
Percentage increase (decrease)	16.7%	16.2%	0.0%	9.1%

**NOTE:**

More detailed information on the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill reflecting the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix B.

**Selected Highlights**

- Salary increases of up to 4 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.2 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds \$172,772 for a new FTE grants program officer position

**Deficiency Appropriations**

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

**Significant Audit Findings**

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

**Agency Fees**

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency did not have any fees.

**Major Related Legislation**

As of the date of this report, there is no major related legislation for this agency.

**NOTE:**

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



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

	Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2025-27 Biennium Base Level</b>	6.00	\$2,371,630	\$1,880,000	\$4,251,630
<b>2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>				
Base payroll changes		\$12,903		\$12,903
Salary increase		66,625		66,625
Health insurance increase		42,037		42,037
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		69,750		69,750
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		15,884		15,884
Adds grants program officer position	1.00	172,772		172,772
<b>Total ongoing funding changes</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>\$379,971</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$379,971</b>
<b>One-Time Funding Items</b>				
Adds funding for arts across the prairie education		\$5,000		\$5,000
<b>Total one-time funding changes</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>\$384,971</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$384,971</b>
<b>2025-27 Total Funding</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>\$2,756,601</b>	<b>\$1,880,000</b>	<b>\$4,636,601</b>

*Federal funds included in other funds*

*\$1,870,000*

*Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level*

16.7%

16.0%

0.0%

8.9%

*Total changes - Percentage of base level*

16.7%

16.2%

0.0%

9.1%

**Other Sections in Council on the Arts - Budget No. 709**

Section Description	Executive Budget
Cultural endowment fund	Section 3 would appropriate 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, including \$380,000 of maintenance funds for construction of arts across the prairie projects.
Gifts, grants, and bequests	Section 4 would appropriate all income from gifts, grants, devises, bequests, donations, and assignments received by the Council on the Arts during the 2025-27 biennium.
Line item transfers	Section 5 would provide authority for the Council on the Arts to transfer funds between line items.
FTE positions	Section 6 would authorize the agency to increase or decrease FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds.

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2010**  
**(Governor's Recommendation)**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the council on the arts; and to provide an exemption.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the council on the arts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the council on the arts, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$1,225,707	\$ 395,000	\$1,620,707
Operating Expenses	774,093	(95,000)	679,093
Grants	<u>2,255,342</u>	<u>81,459</u>	<u>2,336,801</u>
Total All Funds	\$4,255,142	\$381,459	\$4,636,601
Less Estimated Income	<u>1,880,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,880,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$2,375,142	\$381,459	\$2,756,601
Full-time Equivalent Positions	6.00	1.00	7.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly for the 2023-25 biennium and the 2025-27 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2023-25</u>	<u>2025-27</u>
New full-time equivalent position	\$2,500	\$ 0
Accrued leave payouts	106,430	0
Strategic planning consultant	40,000	0
Arts across the prairie initiative	170,000	5,000
Information technology equipment	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total All Funds	\$328,930	\$5,000
Less Estimated Income	<u>70,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund	\$258,930	\$5,000

The 2025-27 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium. The council on the arts shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND.** All income from the cultural endowment fund is appropriated to the council on the arts for the furthering of the cultural arts in the state for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The council on the arts may use up to \$380,000 of the maintenance funds deposited into cultural endowment fund for construction of arts the prairie projects for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 4. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS - APPROPRIATION.** All gifts, grants, devises,

bequests, donations, and assignments received by the council on the arts and deposited with the state treasurer pursuant to section 55-01-04 are appropriated to the council on the arts for the purposes provided in section 54-54-06, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 5. EXEMPTION – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - REPORT.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer funds between line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the council on the arts. The council on the arts shall notify the legislative council of any transfer made pursuant to this section. The council on the arts shall report to the budget section after June 30, 2025, any transfer made in excess of \$50,000 and to the appropriations committee of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding any transfers made pursuant to this section.

**SECTION 6. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the council on the arts may increase or decrease authorized full-time equivalent positions as needed, subject to availability of funds, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The council on the arts shall report to the office of management and budget and legislative council any adjustments made pursuant to this section.