Council on the Arts Budget No. 709 Senate Bill No. 2010; House Bill No. 1395

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriation	5.00	\$1,662,766	\$2,547,982	\$4,210,748
2019-21 legislative appropriation	5.00	1,606,204	1,738,922	3,345,126
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	0.00	\$56,562	\$809,060	\$865,622

Item Description

Federal COVID-19 relief funds - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$759,060 of federal coronavirus relief funds received from the National Endowment for the Arts in House Bill No. 1395 for grants to nonprofit arts organizations to support operations.

Transfer to cultural endowment fund - The Legislative Assembly, in House Bill No. 1015, authorized the transfer of \$1 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the cultural endowment fund. Legislative intent was provided that the Council on the Arts expend up to \$50,000 annually from the fund for the maintenance of public art projects constructed as part of the creative placemaking program.

Emergency Commission and Budget Section requests - The Council on the Arts requested Emergency Commission and Budget Section approval in June 2021 to increase special funds spending authority for projects involving the State Folklorist.

Status/Result

Through March 2022, \$661,251 of the funds have been distributed and the Council on the Arts anticipates the remaining funds will be distributed by the end of fiscal year 2022.

The Council on the Arts is collaborating with the Retirement and Investment Office to develop an investment policy statement and to determine an asset allocation plan. The agency will request the \$1 million transfer from the strategic investment and improvements fund be made when the policy statement and asset allocation plans are finalized.

The Council on the Arts received increased special funds spending authority to accept and expend funds from the Bush Foundation (\$209,000) for a Lakota Song Repatriation Project and from the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (\$60,000) for a Tiny Press Kit project.