



# Maryland State Arts Council Finance Committee

MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2023  
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The Finance Committee shall provide oversight over the budget.

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Councilors present: Jackie Copeland, John Schratwieser, Julie Madden, David Fakunle, Ph. D.

Staff present: Cathy Teixeira, Steven Skerritt-Davis, David Mitchell, Emily Sollenberger, Shaunte Roper, Laura Weiss, Keyonna Penick

Jackie Copeland called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 followed by guiding documents.

## **FY23 - April 30th Expenditures**

- Highlighted total, expenditures listed by programs under actuals
- All money must be sent out by July 11
- YDT awarded 24.5M

## **Grant Programs Consolidation Proposal -**

Program Policy and Evaluation Committee Proposals, shared for budget context

### Network Organizational Development

- Capacity building for network programs; \$10,000 maximum
- FY 2020 - present

### Special Request

- Capacity building for all organizations; \$50,000 maximum
- Newly revised for FY 2023; Positive public response
- Staff capacity concern

Proposal to the Program Policy & Evaluation Committee



Consolidate capacity-building support in a single program

- Pause NOD Program for FY24
- Re-allocate NOD funds to Special Request
  - FY 2024 Special Request: \$100,000
  - FY 2024 NOD: \$0
- Reduce Special Request grant maximum
  - FY 2023: \$2,000 - \$50,000
  - FY 2024: \$2,000 - \$25,000

### **Emergency Grants**

The program was created out of necessity as a COVID response. Cont'd w/ dedicated funding

- FY20-21: various COVID-specific funds (for organizations + individual artists)
- FY22: ARPA funding (for ind. artists)
- FY23: Arts Relief (for ind. artists)

In FY22, expanded to include losses sustained from non-COVID emergencies

- Need is great
- Guidelines do not define "emergency" clearly (range of hardships described)
  - Staff/agency not equipped to evaluate/support/handle some of these events
- MSAC/State payment timeline insufficient for emergency situations
- Staff capacity issues (for program management and reviews)

Proposal to the Program Policy & Evaluation Committee

FY24 Proposal

- Pause the program
- Publish other available emergency resources
- Reevaluate with intentionality to determine the best ways to support artists
  - Form ad hoc committee in FY24 to determine next steps
  - For context, it took 18 months to develop the Grants for Artists program to address independent artist needs. The Emergency Grant program has not gone through the same program-building or re-evaluation process to date

### **FY24 Budget Review & Approval**

- Administration
  - Funds that in the previous few years have supported a contract with the National Council for Traditional Arts for the National Folk



Festival will be used in FY24 to sponsor the inaugural year of the Maryland Folk Festival produced by the City of Salisbury

- Panelist compensation increase
- Two new positions
- Revenue
  - Increase in state general funds
- Grants
  - Creativity \$50K increase
  - Presenting and Touring increase
  - Restarting Independent Artist Awards
  - Reduction from Grants for Artists pilot year (that was funded through Arts Relief)

Review of FY24 Recommendation process

- Fall 2022 - Submission of preliminary budget to meet the Department of Budget and Management target
- May 2023 - Finance Committee review of staff recommended budget to meet appropriation in budget
- June 2023 - Council review of Finance Committee recommendation, review, and approval by Secretary

**John made a motion to send the FY24 budget to the full council for approval. Julie and David seconded. All approved. Motion passed.**

No new business.

Adjourned at approximately 1:51 p.m.