



## Take no more than 10% reductions in North Carolina Arts Council grants funding

### North Carolina Arts Council State Funding History - Grants and Programs \*

Fiscal Year	Total**	Per Capita
FY05-06	\$5,654,633	0.65
FY06-07	\$6,304,633	0.71
FY07-08	\$7,654,633	0.84
FY08-09	\$8,258,565	0.89
FY09-10	\$6,583,565	0.70
FY10-11	\$6,583,565	0.69

### FY 11-12 House Budget – 15% reductions to grants programs and three positions eliminated

FY11-12	\$5,596,028	0.58
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\*includes Basic Grants, Grassroots Arts Grants, and Cartwheels funding

\*\*includes recurring and non-recurring funding

### Specific Grant Program Reductions in FY 11-12 House Budget:

Grassroots Arts	(\$406,537)
Competitive Grants	(\$581,000)

### Operating support for the North Carolina Arts Council has decreased by 70% in the last two years.\*

\*excluding salaries and benefits

- Arts Council grant money is distributed to **all 100 counties** and ensures that both rural and urban areas have access to state funds that stimulate significant economic development.
- **Half of the grant money is returned to the state through income tax paid by the 2,266 employees of the funded arts organizations.**
- Funded arts organizations raise and spend \$223 million dollars, most of that in the local economy. Grants represent an average of 4% of total revenue but are **essential in leveraging private, corporate, foundation, and local government support.**
- The grantees of the North Carolina Arts Council leverage an additional \$17 for every \$1 invested by the state. At the 15% reduction, the direct loss of arts funding in North Carolina's economy would be nearly \$16.8 million.
- The North Carolina Arts Council must absorb into the competitive grants programs three organizations that previously received line item funding, including Vagabond School of Drama (Flatrock Playhouse), The Lost Colony, and the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival, representing **an additional loss in statewide arts funding of \$478,871.**
- Funded organizations must meet stringent criteria and rigorous reporting requirements. Every grant must be verified in notarized reports to both the North Carolina Arts Council and North Carolina Auditor's office. If funding is not spent as approved through a transparent panel process, the money must be returned to the General Fund.