MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The total appropriation authority for the agency is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 61.9% of the total authority for this agency. All types of appropriation authority for this agency are described below, including total budget and the percent expended by source of authority.
**Appropriation Transfers**

The Montana Arts Council (MAC) did not receive any appropriation transfers.

**Budget Amendments**

In HB 2, the MAC received federal special revenue authority of $719,165 for FY 2020 and $722,019 for FY 2021 for grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The federal grant amounts from the NEA for both fiscal years exceeded the HB 2 authority, so additional federal special revenue authority was added through budget amendments. For the FY 2020 grant, $89,535 was added; the grant end date was also extended to December 31, 2022, per the CARES Act. The MAC has expended $73,080 or 85.4% of the FY 2020 grant budget amendment authority. For the FY 2021 grant, $130,981 of federal special revenue authority was added through a budget amendment; the end date for that grant is December 31, 2021. It was 0.0% expended in FY 2021.

**Carryforward and/or Continuing Authority**

$32,824 of FY 2019 carryforward authority from the general fund was established in FY 2020 for the purpose of updating the MAC’s strategic plan; a strategic plan must be updated every four to five years, per requirements for the NEA grants. There were no expenditures of these funds. Per the agency, the strategic plan has been postponed to FY 2022, and the funds have been reverted.

$49,592 of FY 2020 carryfoward authority from the general fund was established in FY 2021 for the MAC to offset expenses from the Montana Artrepreneur Program. These funds have not yet been expended. Per 17-7-304, MCA, an agency has the following two years to spend the unspent authority that was carried forward.

**Non-Budgeted Proprietary Funding**

The MAC did not receive any non-budget proprietary funding.

**Other Bills**

The MAC administers the Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Program, which is authorized and appropriated through HB 9. For the 2021 biennium, the appropriation for the program was $423,381. $224,232 of that authority was expended in FY 2020, leaving $199,149 of authority for FY 2021. $179,649 or 90.2% of the FY 2021 authority was expended.

**HB 630**

The MAC did not have any HB 630 authority.

**COVID-19 Authority**

The following chart is provided to allow the legislature to examine the funding that is available to the agency for COVID-19 impacts. Administrative authority for CARES I and ARPA appropriations was allocated to the agency by the Governor's Office. Administration authority is not an appropriation and thus is not included in the total appropriation authority shown on the previous page. The appropriation authority for CARES I and ARPA shown below remains with the Governor’s Office.
The Montana Arts Council’s COVID-19 authority was $1,251,096 for offsetting some COVID-related operating expenses and providing grants to offset losses for artists and to encourage continued creative efforts. It was also used for a temporary accounting technician to assist with issuing grant payments and to review final reports. This funding was 100.0% expended. $826,696 was allocated to the MAC by the Governor’s Office as described in the previous paragraph, and $424,400 of COVID-related federal special revenue authority was added by a budget amendment for funding provided by the National Endowment for the Arts through the CARES Act.

For the CARES Act grants, there were three types of funding opportunities available to professional artists, cultural workers, and non-profit organizations through the MAC. Further details about the funding opportunities and their guidelines are available here: https://art.mt.gov/CARES. The following table shows the number of grants that the MAC awarded and total amounts awarded per opportunity.

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<th>Funding Opportunity</th>
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The total amount expended for the CARES Act grants and the accounting technician position exceeded the FY 2021 CARES Act authority; the remaining grant expenditures, $46,812, were from the MAC’s general fund authority.

Under HB 632, the legislature appropriated $764,000 of federal ARPA funding to the Montana Arts Council; the appropriation was authorized to begin in FY 2021 through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023.

**Statutory Appropriations**

The MAC did not receive any statutory appropriations.
**HB 2 Budget Modifications**

The following chart shows the HB 2 budget as passed by the legislature, including the pay plan, and the ending FYE modified budget. Net modifications to the budget include operating plan changes from one expenditure account to another, program transfers, reorganizations, and agency transfers of authority. The positive modifications and negative modifications are shown by program, expenditure account, and fund type.

![HB 2 Modifications Chart](chart.png)

The MAC had a few modifications to its HB 2 budget, which are reflected in the chart above. The MAC moved $121,348 of spending authority from operating expenses, from savings in operating expenses, to grants for the purpose of awarding additional federal grants. The agency moved $1,309 from operating expenses to debt services to properly record copier lease payments. Additionally, $501 of continuing authority in general fund was established for restricted, biennial audit fees.
In total, the MAC's modified HB 2 authority with all funds was $1,495,475, and the agency expended 95.2% or $1,423,617.

By fund type, the MAC's modified HB 2 budget authority consisted of the following: $528,537 of general fund; $244,919 of state special revenue; and $722,019 of federal special revenue. The MAC expended 86.4% of its general fund authority, with $71,857 of remaining budget. $8,796 of the remaining budget authority was for a restricted State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) appropriation. The MAC fully expended its state special revenue authority for administration of the Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Program. It also fully expended its federal special revenue authority for the FY 2021 National Endowment for the Arts grants.

By expenditure account, the MAC's personal services budget was 95.8% expended, with $29,104 of budget authority remaining. This was due to two positions being vacant for a total of six months. Operating expenses budget authority was 80.1% expended, with $42,754 of budget authority remaining. This was due to overestimating the SITSD services the MAC would utilize during the year. Also, due to COVID there was no travel for staff or council members. Budget authority for grants and debt services were fully expended.
OTHER ISSUES

Information Technology Project Expenditures

The MAC does not have any SITSD projects identified for reporting to the LFC.

Required Reports

A link to the MAC’s ARPA funding quarterly report, as required by HB 632, is available on the Education Interim Budget Committee’s (IBC) webpage in the Meeting Materials section: https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/