

State of Alaska FY2012 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Commissions and Boards Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

Commissions and Boards Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Commissions and Boards RDU includes funding for two distinct programs: the Professional Teaching Practices Commission and the Alaska State Council on the Arts. Their contributions to the department's mission are:

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

- To ensure that members of the teaching profession in Alaska are qualified and ethical educators
- To serve as a preventative and positive force in working to enhance the professional performance of all educators

Alaska State Council on the Arts

- To foster the development of art for all Alaskans through education, partnerships, grants and services.

Core Services

- Investigate properly filed complaints against certified educators
- Sanction the certificates of educators found to have committed illegal, immoral or unethical acts
- Promote adherence to the Code of Ethics by certified educators
- Review regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification
- Build vibrant communities through grants and services to artists and arts organizations
- Manage and sustain Arts In Education program
- Recognize and promote artistic excellence through programs such as the Governor's Awards for the Arts
- Coordinate the State of Alaska Silver Hand Native Art authenticity program, including artist marketing for Alaska Native Artists
- Provide training opportunities for new and emerging arts organizations

Key RDU Challenges

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

- The ability of the Commission to investigate all complaints in a timely manner or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the available resources
- The Commission strives to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and to articulate the Commission's role and responsibility in disciplining certified educators

Alaska State Council on the Arts

- To continue to meet the demand for grants and programs in all regions of the state
- To expand the Arts in Education program to meet the demand for teacher professional development, arts residencies throughout the state, and to develop comprehensive statewide arts education policies
- To continue to support Alaska's Native Artists through the Silver Hand program
- To develop an effective statewide communication network required to maximize participation in the Percent for Art program by all public agencies
- To meet the requested 1:1 match by State General Funds to the National Endowment for the Arts annual partnership grant

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2012

See individual component changes in the results to be delivered in FY2012.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2010

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

- Completed 78 investigations of complaints against educators.
- Conducted 3 appeal hearings.
- Disciplined 12 educators through surrender, suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure.
- Reviewed 183 applications for certification containing background checks indicating criminal convictions. 181 applicants who had revealed convictions on their applications for certification and/or provided the requested details were approved for certification.
- Published and distributed an annual report to interested parties, as well as a semiannual newsletter to all educators and other interested parties in the state.
- Updated and distributed the Professional Code of Ethics Handbook.
- Presentations on professionalism, professional ethics, and the role of the Commission were given to pre-service teacher candidates at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Alaska Pacific University as well as to the University of Alaska Anchorage Administrative Interns. Presentations were also made to the Alaska Association of Secondary Principals, Alaska Transition to Teaching Candidates, Statewide Mentors, and State Librarians.

Alaska State Council on the Arts

- **Goal: Cultivating awareness and support of arts and culture**

The annual Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities which provides ASCA an opportunity to demonstrate accomplishments to major stakeholders.

The passage of SB 209, providing ASCA the regulatory authority in statute. After 25 years of amending regulations, it was determined by the Department of Law that ASCA did not have regulatory authority. Legislation was introduced to provide ASCA authority to promulgate regulations and the bill was adopted as law (Ch30, SLA2010).

Cultural Trust Task Force: This task force has been organized to explore the possibility of establishing a statewide cultural trust, to work toward preserving Alaska's cultural, historical and artistic resources.

- **Goal: Ensuring Access to Arts Education**

ASCA continues to work toward increasing arts education at all levels: by creating a Teaching Artist cohort, the members of which can teach, but also are able to connect the art with curriculum; by working closely with the Alaska Arts Education Consortium to expand the summer teacher arts education institutes; continuing the successful partnership with the Rasmuson Foundation to expand arts education outside the curriculum.

Arts Education: The New Visions program, initiated by the Council this year, has provided support for three school districts (Copper River School District, Kodiak and Northwest Arctic) to implement an arts curriculum. This three year pilot program will develop the paradigm for arts integration and curriculum so that ASCA can assist other districts in developing their own arts curriculum. Each of the three New Visions districts is committed to implementing arts curriculum and to be a model for future implementation. The goals for FY 10-11 include: to train local artists as educators, to develop regularly scheduled artist instructional visits over time; to provide intensive art experiences for older students as well as introductory experiences for younger students, and to provide professional development in arts education for teachers.

- **Goal: Expanding Alaska's artistic vitality**

ASCA administered over \$1.0 million in Percent for Art projects directly connected with the state capital budget projects, hiring Alaska artists and others to create, fabricate and install Percent for Art projects.

The Alaska Contemporary Art Bank Call. For the first time in 11 years, there were sufficient funds in the Art Public Places program to sponsor a call for art for the Alaska Contemporary Art Bank. Over 100 Alaska artists applied for the call through the online CallForEntry.org program. ASCA purchased 17 new pieces of contemporary art to loan to state offices. This continues to be a popular program among state agencies and elected officials.

- **Goal: Building vibrant communities through the arts**

ASCA has increased the public value of the work ASCA provides the state to the point that the demands for grants and services far exceeds ASCA's capacity to meet them. ASCA has also begun to measure, through

the Creative Vitality Index, the level of creative economy activity in communities throughout Alaska.

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**Commissions and Boards
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2010 Actuals				FY2011 Management Plan				FY2012 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures Professional Teaching Practice	273.1	0.0	0.0	273.1	282.3	0.0	0.0	282.3	289.9	0.0	0.0	289.9
AK State Council on the Arts	675.5	169.8	716.3	1,561.6	703.7	210.0	778.1	1,691.8	713.5	210.0	786.7	1,710.2
Totals	948.6	169.8	716.3	1,834.7	986.0	210.0	778.1	1,974.1	1,003.4	210.0	786.7	2,000.1

Commissions and Boards
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2011 Management Plan to FY2012 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2011 Management Plan	975.1	10.9	210.0	778.1	1,974.1
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:					
-Professional Teaching Practice	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6
-AK State Council on the Arts	9.8	0.0	0.0	8.6	18.4
FY2012 Governor	992.5	10.9	210.0	786.7	2,000.1