

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

**Title of Rule:** Rules and Regulations for Cultural Facilities Grant Program (665-RICR20001)

**Rule Identifier:** 665-RICR2000- 1

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 05/12/2025

Hearing Date: 05/30/2025, One Capitol

Hill, Room 2B, Providence, RI 02908

End of Public Comment: 06/11/2025

**Authority for this Rulemaking:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 4275- 2

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

This Amendment is being promulgated to reformat the rule to include provisions for the 2024 Creative and Cultural Economy Bonds.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until June 11, 2025 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Todd Trebour  
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One Capitol Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Providence, RI 02908  
[RISCA.contact@arts.ri.gov](mailto:RISCA.contact@arts.ri.gov)

**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42352.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on May 30, 2025 at 12:30-1:30pm at the Powers Building, One Capitol Hill Room, Conference room 2B, Providence RI 02908, during which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

This meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any questions should be directed to Todd Trebour, Executive Director, at 401-222-3883. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting who may have special needs for access,

please contact the Council at [risca.contact@arts.ri.gov](mailto:risca.contact@arts.ri.gov) as soon as possible.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

The arts contribute more than \$2 billion per year to the Rhode Island economy. Many arts organizations operate in old and difficult to maintain buildings, and the funds necessary to operate in these structures reduce the amount and scope of programming in our state. Grants for capital improvements through this program help to expand community-based programs, which contribute to the Rhode Island economy. This amendment to the existing rule includes provisions for the 2024 Creative and Cultural Economy bonds to extend the program, aligns wording to the 2024 Voter Handbook for these bonds, and modifies certain requirements to increase flexibility in grant making and reduce administrative burden on grantees.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.