

**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-RICR-20-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 665-RICR-20-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 15, 2025

Hearing Date: May 30, 2025

End of Public Comment: June 14, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-75-2

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This Technical Revision is being promulgated to update the rule so the rule is applicable to both the upcoming 2024 bond funded iteration of the State Cultural Facilities program, and the currently open 2021 bonded fund iteration. We also reformat the rule into the RICR format for the Rhode Island Code of Regulations.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until June 14, 2025 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Todd Trebour
State Council on the Arts
One Capitol Hill
3rd Floor
Providence, RI 02908
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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: May 30, 2025

Time: 12:30 P.M.

Location: One Capitol Hill
Conference Room 2B
Providence, RI, 02908

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-3883 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

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.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.