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DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (DACH) has a mission to identify, preserve, protect, promote and present the ideas, arts and artifacts of West Virginia’s heritage. The Department oversees five divisions: Administration, Archives and History, Historic Preservation, Arts, and Museums. Also housed within the Department are the Library Commission, the Educational Broadcasting Authority and Volunteer WV.



DEPT. OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY FUNDING	
FY2020	
General Revenue.....	\$10,746,862
Special Revenue.....	\$ 1,218,193
Lottery.....	\$15,628,857
Federal.....	<u>\$10,960,497</u>
Total:	\$38,554,409

REORGANIZATION

In the first special session of 2018, the Legislature passed House Bill 101. The Education and the Arts Department was eliminated and the Division of Culture and History was reorganized into the Department of Culture and History, taking on new responsibilities.

PROGRAMS

The following programs were all formerly part of the Education and the Arts Division.

Library Commission

FY2020 Budget: \$11,513,700 (Lottery Fund) + \$1,640,790 (General Revenue)

The State Library Commission is in charge of overseeing the state's library system and administering supplemental funding to local libraries. They serve 97 public library systems, 180 libraries in total.

Educational Broadcasting Authority

FY2020 Budget: \$3,830,691 (General Revenue) + \$200,00 (Federal)

The EBA runs the West Virginia channel, broadcasting community events as well as legislative coverage. They also produce Mountain Stage and Inside Appalachia for broadcast over the radio. Finally, the EBA's network of satellite links and towers provide an important emergency communication channel.

Volunteer West Virginia

FY2020 Budget: \$374,980 (Lottery Fund)

Volunteer West Virginia supports the state's volunteer organizations by helping them with the grant process, overseeing the AmeriCorps program and running training seminars. In addition to their limited funding from the Lottery section of the budget, the Commission also receives about \$10 million a year in federal grants.

DIVISIONS

The following are divisions of the Department of Arts, Culture and History. The Department plays a critical role in distributing grants around the state to promote cultural activities and to preserve the state's history.

Archives and History

Grants Awarded: \$411,014 to county historical preservation

This division preserves the records of state government and collects documents from the state's history. They keep a library full of archives, direct the highway historical marker program, disseminate historic information to researchers and offer technical assistance to county historical organizations.

Arts

Grants Awarded: \$2,017,622.85 to arts organizations

The Arts Division works with individual artists and arts organizations to bring cultural programming to all West Virginians. The Division estimates a workforce of 17,000 individuals working in arts-related fields.

State Historic Preservation Office

Grants Awarded: \$550,165 to historic properties

This Office works to encourage the preservation, protection, reuse and rehabilitation of historic sites. They partner with private citizens, businesses, organizations and government entities to issue grants and to ensure compliance with state and federal guidelines.

Museums

Annual visitors to WV State Museum: 71,305

The Museums Division runs the State Museum as well as the Grave Creek Mound Archeological Complex in Moundsville, West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling and Camp Washington-Carver in Clifftop.