



STATE OF ILLINOIS
**OFFICE OF THE
 AUDITOR GENERAL**

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL

Compliance Examination
 For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2019

Release Date: January 28, 2020

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 4	AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS						
	New	Repeat	Total	Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Category 1:	0	0	0	2007		2019-001	
Category 2:	3	1	4				
Category 3:	0	0	0				
TOTAL	3	1	4				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 6							

SYNOPSIS

- 2019-001 The Illinois Arts Council did not draft or adopt formal agency rules, including rules relating to grant procedures.
- 2019-002 The Illinois Arts Council did not timely publish grants awarded information.
- 2019-003 The Illinois Arts Council did not properly maintain personnel files.

Category 1: Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).

Category 2: Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

Category 3: Findings that have **no internal control issues but are in noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on next page.}

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COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2019**

EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 13,473,528	\$ 10,058,412	\$ 5,648,709
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 2,113,397	\$ 1,596,454	\$ 891,908
% of Total Expenditures.....	15.7%	15.9%	15.8%
AWARDS AND GRANTS.....	\$ 11,360,131	\$ 8,461,958	\$ 4,756,801
% of Total Expenditures.....	84.3%	84.1%	84.2%
Total Receipts.....	\$ 939,759	\$ 871,472	\$ 905,487
Average Number of Employees (Not Examined).....	13	13	9

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
During Examination Period: Ms. Tatiana Gant (through 7/31/17), Mr. Joshua Davis-Ruperto (effective 8/1/17) Currently: Mr. Joshua Davis-Ruperto

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FAILURE TO ADOPT FORMAL RULES FOR AGENCY
AND GRANT PROCEDURES**

Failure to adopt Council rules

The Illinois Arts Council (Council) did not draft or adopt formal agency rules, including rules relating to grant procedures. Grant expenditures were \$12,141,106 and \$8,888,367 for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2018, respectively. (Finding 1, page 10) **This finding has been repeated since 2007.**

We recommended the Council draft organizational rules and grant procedures and work with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for assistance with the formal adoption process.

Council agreed with auditors

The Council agreed with the finding and stated they would continue to seek guidance from the Office of the Governor. Additionally, the Council stated they lacked the resources to engage consultants with expertise to formalize its rules in the JCAR process.

**GRANTS AWARDED INFORMATION WAS NOT
PUBLISHED TIMELY**

**Grants awarded information not
published timely**

The Council did not submit the grants awarded information on a quarterly basis to the Secretary of Innovation and Technology to publish online. Instead, the Council published the grants awarded in fiscal year 2018 on an annual basis to its website. However, the grants awarded in fiscal year 2019 were not posted to the Council's website. The Council awarded 1,023 and 843 grants in Fiscal Years 2019 and 2018, respectively. (Finding 2, page 11)

We recommended the Council ensure grants awarded information is published on a quarterly basis to a publicly accessible website designated by the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the State.

Council agreed with auditors

The Council agreed with the finding and stated they had put in place policies to ensure grants awarded information is published on a quarterly basis on the website designated by the CIO of the State.

OTHER FINDING

The remaining findings pertain to inadequate maintenance of personnel files and monthly reconciliations not being performed. We will review the Council's progress towards the implementation of our recommendations in our next compliance examination.

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The accountants conducted a compliance examination of the Illinois Arts Council for the two years ended June 30, 2019, as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The accountants stated the Illinois Arts Council complied, in all material aspects, with the requirements described in the report.

This compliance examination was conducted by Adelfia LLC.

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JANE CLARK
Division Director

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