



February 11, 2016

To: Chair Mitzi Johnson and Members of the House Appropriations Committee  
Cc: David Beatty, Finance and Administration;  
Fm: Alex Aldrich, Executive Director

Re: Testimony, February 16 at 3 pm

The Vermont Arts Council's budget, as presented in the Governor's budget, is a single line item buried in the Agency of Commerce and Community Development's allocation. The line item dollar amount (\$680k) represents a little over one-third of the Council's operating budget. The remaining two-thirds consists of Federal funds (\$700+k), restricted state funds (\$300+k), and privately sourced funds (\$150+k). To understand the full scope of services offered by the Council please visit the [Council's website](#) and the following two links that detail our financial position:

[IRS Form 990](#) (from Guidestar, for the year ending June 30, 2015)  
[2015 Annual Report](#) (.pdf, for year ending June 30, 2015, prior years available onsite)

Accompanying this memo are three other .pdfs. One is a sheet detailing our budget for the current year as compared to next year; the second and third are electronic versions of the hand-out I will be referring to in my testimony. For additional information regarding the three focus areas referred to in testimony on February 16, please see the following sites (navigable from our website, but separated out for your convenience):

[Arts Education/Integration](#)  
[Vermont Creative Network](#)  
Marketing and Promotion  
[Vermont Arts Calendar](#)  
[Vermont Arts 2016](#)  
[Vermont Arts Council Facebook Page](#)  
[Vermont Arts Council Twitter Feed](#)  
[Vermont Arts Council Instagram](#)

Thank you for your consideration.