

OTHER CULTURE

Department Services

Funding for community arts and cultural agencies is included in this organization.

Budget Highlights

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Organizations: 820050 - 820100

	2015/16 Current	2016/17 Current	2017/18 Requested	2017/18 Adopted	Percent Change
Revenues					
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
General Fund	566,687	615,330	613,864	598,364	-2.8%
Total	\$566,687	\$615,330	\$613,864	\$598,364	-2.8%
Expenses					
Historical Museum	\$75,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	0.0%
Newton-Conover Auditorium	\$15,000	\$15,500	\$16,000	\$13,000	-16.1%
Hickory Public Libraries	\$213,000	\$219,000	\$217,808	\$217,808	-0.5%
Salt Block Foundation	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$87,500	-12.5%
United Arts Council	\$147,000	\$155,830	\$155,056	\$155,056	-0.5%
The Catawbans Volume III	\$16,687	\$0	\$0	0	0%
Total	\$566,687	\$615,330	\$613,864	\$598,364	-2.8%

The budget substantially maintains current year funding levels for the United Arts Council of Catawba County (\$155,056) and the Catawba County Historical Association (\$125,000). The budget continues to fund Hickory Public Libraries so that County residents living outside the city limits of Hickory can use Patrick Beaver and Ridgeview Libraries free of charge. Hickory Public Libraries requested a slight decrease in funding, based on a lower per capita cost and fewer active Catawba County cardholders living outside Hickory limits, and will be funded as requested, at \$217,808.

With the onset of the recent recession, in Fiscal Year 2009/10, County funding for the SALT Block Foundation was increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000, in conjunction with a \$100,000 commitment from the City of Hickory to support the operations and maintenance of the facilities in the face of diminished endowment corpus. With improvements in the overall economy and investment returns, County funding will be reduced to \$87,500. The budget also reduces funding to the Newton-Conover Auditorium Authority by \$2,500. As the County Strategic Plan continues to develop, the model for funding the arts may change.