

Other Cultural Activities

Organizations: 820050 - 820100

	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Current	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues					
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
General Fund	586,750	615,000	574,846	615,330	0.1%
Total	\$586,750	\$615,000	\$574,846	\$615,330	0.1%
Expenses					
Historical Museum	\$76,500	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$125,000	66.7%
National Register	0	\$0	0	0	0%
Newton-Conover Auditorium	12,000	\$15,000	16,000	\$15,500	3.3%
Hickory Public Libraries	211,650	\$213,000	236,846	\$219,000	2.8%
Salt Block Foundation	100,000	\$100,000	100,000	\$100,000	0.0%
United Arts Council	147,000	\$147,000	147,000	\$155,830	6.0%
The Catawbans Volume III	39,600	\$65,000	0	0	0%
Total	\$586,750	\$615,000	\$574,846	\$615,330	0.1%

Budget Highlights

The County provides annual funding to the United Arts Council, the designated County partner appointed by the North Carolina State Legislature to receive State funds, match them with local government funds, and sub grant them for cultural projects in Catawba County. Catawba County Funds are \$1 per capita and are used to match North Carolina Grassroots Arts Funds for Projects Pool Grants, for marketing arts programs, and for general operations.

Both the Salt Block (which houses the Arts and Science Center, the Hickory Museum of Art, the United Arts Council and funded affiliates) and the Newton-Conover Auditorium receive County funding toward the upkeep and maintenance of these facilities.

Annual funding is also provided through the Catawba County Historical Association (CCHA) for the Historical Museum operating costs. The budget includes a \$50,000 increase for CCHA to initially assist in purchasing property adjacent to the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge and, in future years, to provide additional operating assistance.

The budget continues funding to Hickory Public Libraries which allows County residents who live outside the City of Hickory to use the library free of charge. County and City library staff also partner to provide library programming and services to citizens.