

# WISCONSIN ARTISTIC ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Budget Summary					FTE Position Summary	
	2022-23 Adjusted Base	<u>Governor</u>		<u>2023-25 Change Over</u> <u>Base Year Doubled</u>		There are no authorized positions for the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation.
Fund		2023-24	2024-25	Amount	%	
SEG	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,500,000	N.A.	

## Budget Change Item

### 1. ARTISTIC ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION REACTIVATION AND FUNDS TRANSFER

GPR- Transfer	\$100,000,000
SEG	4,500,000

**Governor:** Reactivate the Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation (WAEF) and transfer \$100 million from the general fund to the segregated artistic endowment fund in the 2023-25 biennium. Additionally, estimate \$1.5 million SEG in 2023-24 and \$3 million SEG in 2024-25 in fund earnings and interest distributions to support Arts Board programs and other various arts programs across the state.

The Artistic Endowment Foundation is a public body corporate and politic created under Chapter 247 of the statutes as a nonprofit organization with the goal of establishing arts programs throughout the state and providing funding to various arts programs. WAEF is to be overseen by a board of directors, consisting of: (a) eight gubernatorial appointees, with the advice and consent of the Senate, representing various artistic interests and geographic regions of the state; (b) the Arts Board chairperson; (c) two members of each house of the Legislature, one nominated by each of the Assembly Speaker, Assembly Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader; and (d) as a nonvoting member, the Arts Board Executive Secretary. The WAEF has been inactive for most years since its creation in 2001. If the provision were enacted, the Foundation would require director appointments to be made.

The segregated artistic endowment fund by statute may receive gifts, grants, bequests, and other proceeds. WAEF may distribute fund earnings and interest on unrestricted donations as follows from a SEG continuing appropriation: (a) at least 50% to the Arts Board for operating support to arts organizations, including through the Wisconsin Regranting Program; and (b) other amounts at its discretion to programs WAEF may establish with the advice of the Arts Board and other state arts organizations. A statutory maintenance of effort specifies that the Foundation may not distribute funds to the Arts Board in any fiscal year where total GPR appropriations to the Arts Board are lower than in the previous fiscal year. The Wisconsin Arts Board would provide administrative oversight to the Foundation, and the statutes require aids distributions to utilize Arts

Board mechanisms and staff to the extent possible.

The Administration indicates that it would intend to limit distributions to approximately \$3 million each year, with additional earnings remaining in the corpus of the fund. The bill and current law do not include a specific limit on distributions.

[Bill Section: 9203(1)]