

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 2245

By: Sears and Casey of the  
House

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5 Jolley and Treat of the  
6 Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Arts Council;  
11 amending 53 O.S. 2011, Section 174, which relates to  
12 incentive grants for visual arts programs in schools;  
13 modifying authorized uses of incentive grant funding;  
14 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
15 emergency.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 53 O.S. 2011, Section 174, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 174. A. The Oklahoma Arts Council is authorized to  
20 assist and, if funds are available, to make incentive grants to  
21 school districts or organizations for the establishment of visual  
22 arts programs in schools. The award of grants shall be limited to:

23 1. School districts that do not have an existing visual arts  
24 program or full-time certified visual arts teachers in school sites;  
and

1           2. Organizations that provide visual arts programming to school  
2 districts that do not have an existing visual arts program or full-  
3 time certified visual arts teachers in school sites.

4           B. The incentive grant funding may be used ~~to cover the start-~~  
5 ~~up costs of developing a~~ for the support of visual arts program  
6 programs in underserved schools or paying the salary costs of a  
7 certified art teacher.

8           C. The Council shall determine criteria for the program and  
9 establish a process for the consideration of proposals. The Council  
10 is authorized to promulgate rules for the operation of the program.

11           D. Any money appropriated by the Legislature for the incentive  
12 grant program shall be matched with other funding secured by the  
13 Council. The matching funding may be raised by the Council, school  
14 districts, for-profit or nonprofit organizations, governmental  
15 entities, private or public foundations, corporations, or  
16 individuals. Any matching funding raised by the Council for the  
17 program shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Arts Council Arts  
18 Education Revolving Fund created in Section 175 of this title. If  
19 matching funding is raised and designated for a grant to a specific  
20 school or organization, the Council may match the funding with  
21 monies from the Oklahoma Arts Council Arts Education Revolving Fund.

22           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

23           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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