

Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council

General Information

Organization and Operations

The purpose of the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) is to administer the Natural and Cultural Resources Grants and Trust Fund, established by Arkansas Act 729 of 1987 (now codified as Arkansas Code Annotated 15-12-101 through 15-12-103) and to administer and approve all grants payable from the fund, pursuant to A.C.A. 15-12-101 through 15-12-103. The Natural and Cultural Resources Grants and Trust Fund is managed for the acquisition, management and stewardship of state-owned lands, or the preservation of state-owned historic sites, buildings, structures or objects which the ANCRC determines to be of value for recreation or conservation purposes, said properties to be used, preserved and conserved for the benefit of present and future generations.

The ANCRC is support administratively by the Division of Arkansas Heritage.

The ANCRC consists of eleven (11) voting members, as follows:

- 1) the Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism or his or her designee;
- 2) the Director of the Division of Arkansas Heritage;
- 3) the Chairman of the State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission or his or her designee;
- 4) the Chairman of the Natural Heritage Commission or his or her designee;
- 5) the Commissioner of State Lands;
- 6) a resident elector of the State of Arkansas as a public member, to be appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of recreation groups, conservation groups or other groups interested in the wise use, preservation and conservation of Arkansas' natural or cultural resources, with the appointment to be made by the Governor, insofar as possible, from names recommended to the Governor by groups representative of such organizations, with the member representing urban areas;
- 7) a resident elector of the State of Arkansas as a public member representing rural areas, to be appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of recreation groups, conservation groups or other

groups interested in the wise use, preservation and conservation of Arkansas' natural or cultural resources, with the appointment to be made by the Governor from a list of names submitted to the Governor by the Arkansas Forestry Association;

- 8) one (1) member to represent Arkansas cities and towns, to be named by the Governor from a list of three names recommended to the Governor by the Arkansas Municipal League;
- 9) one (1) member to represent Arkansas counties, to be appointed by the Governor in consultation with the Arkansas County Judges Association;
- 10) a member to be appointed by the Speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives; and
- 11) a member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Arkansas State Senate.

Freedom of Information Act requests regarding the records of the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council should be addressed to:

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List and Description of Records

The Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council records contain basic grant information including agencies receiving funds, grants given to the agencies and amounts obligated to and expended by the agencies.

Paper files and computer records of grant applications, grant activities, including allocations and expenditures, and Council members are maintained as required by law.

Regulations and Rules of Procedure

The Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council operate under rules and regulations, which have been approved through the Administrative Procedures Act, as outlined in its Guide to Grants.