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**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Performance Audit*

*Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural  
Affairs*

*Department of History, Arts and Libraries*

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*The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) serves to encourage, develop, and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative, cultural activity in Michigan. It was created to advise the Governor on matters relating to arts and cultural affairs, to disburse funds and make grants, to accept gifts, to make and execute contracts, and to develop and implement long-range plans to accomplish MCACA objectives.*

***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of MCACA's administration of the arts and cultural grants program.

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***Audit Conclusion:***

We concluded that MCACA was generally effective and efficient in administering the arts and cultural grants program. However, our assessment disclosed a reportable condition related to grant monitoring.

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***Noteworthy Accomplishments:***

In fiscal year 2002-03, MCACA received national recognition from the National Endowment for the Arts for its grant application and review process. MCACA developed and employed a "peer review"

process, which helped ensure quality projects through objective reviews of grant applications by top arts and cultural professionals. Also, MCACA had noteworthy increases in the number of counties directly funded by MCACA during fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-01, and 2001-02, which demonstrated MCACA's ability to effectively increase its geographical distribution of grant dollars throughout Michigan.

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***Agency Response:***

Our audit report contains 1 finding and 1 corresponding recommendation. The Department of History, Arts and Libraries' preliminary response indicated that it partially agreed and partially disagreed with the finding and recommendation.

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