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Percentage for Art Program Expenditures

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For fiscal years 2007-2018, what were the expenditures for Alaska's Percent for Art Program by specific entities of the state?

Alaska's program for art in public buildings and facilities, established in AS 35.27.010 - 35.27.030, known as the Percent for Art Program, requires that a portion of the funds appropriated for capital projects for public facilities—such as schools, court buildings, and state ferries—be set aside for the purchase and installation of works of art.

Rather than funding purchases of public art through individual appropriations or regular annual expenditures, the state funds them through payments from project funds. At least one percent of a project's costs must be dedicated to public art, although schools in Rural Education Attendance Areas may reserve a lower amount (no less than one-half of one percent).¹

Alaska's Percent for Art Program is not managed by a single department or agency, nor are related expenditures tracked in a centralized repository. Accounting records are maintained for court buildings by the Alaska Court System; for school district projects by the Department of Education and Early Development; and for other state building projects by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities or the Department of Administration, depending on which entity is designated as the project lead on a given construction or renovation project.

The table on the following page presents Percent for Art Program expenditures for fiscal years (FY) 2007 to 2018, as reported by specific entities of the state.

¹ If the costs of a project are less than \$250,000, or if the project will receive minimal public use, the amount reserved for art is placed in the Art in Public Places Fund, established under AS 44.27.060.

Percent for Art Expenditures by the State of Alaska, Fiscal Years 2007-2018, in Dollars

Fiscal Year¹	Department of Education & Early Development	Department of Transportation & Public Facilities	Department of Administration²	Alaska Court System	Total Expenditures
2007	24,950	140,750	0	76,092	241,792
2008	357,523	328,119	320,000	5,258	1,012,908
2009	546,804	599,377	0	58,665	1,204,846
2010	712,684	563,006	0	0	1,275,690
2011	992,066	759,335	0	79,300	1,830,701
2012	818,523	1,172,355	0	48,950	2,039,828
2013	354,115	345,987	0	56,198	756,300
2014	303,792	679,600	0	0	983,392
2015	936,435	426,383	0	5,100	1,367,918
2016	868,505	298,334	45,000	91,708	1,303,547
2017	557,164	80,000	87,400	229,578	954,142
2018	680,617	0	24,491	168,785	873,893

Notes: This is an update to a previous report by our agency (LRS 18.036). Data for fiscal year 2018 was provided by sources listed below. Prior fiscal year data may have been provided by other departmental sources.

1. Fiscal year represents the fiscal year in which Percent for Art projects were completed and/or closed out for accounting purposes.

2. For the Linny Pacillo Parking Garage in Anchorage in 2008, the State of Alaska paid \$320,000 for the project, but the state worked in conjunction with the Municipality of Anchorage to complete the Request for Proposal.

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We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.