

(b) The Council, subject to the approval of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], shall appoint, from without its members, an executive director of the Council.

(c) The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the Council, subject to the concurrence of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], and shall be an unclassified employee of the State of Maryland.

(d) Subject to the rules and policies set forth by the Council and the administrative supervision of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], the executive director shall:

(1) Be the administrative officer of the Council staff;

(2) Direct, administer, and supervise the activities of the Council staff; and

(3) Appoint and remove employees of the Council.

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The Council is authorized to conduct programs subject to approval of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], including, but not limited to the following:

(1) Continuation of the program of the body formerly known as the Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland including its statewide survey of resources and needs in the arts.

(2) Determine the extent to which existing resources can fill the needs.

(3) Design new or expanded programs in the arts either individually or in concert with existing arts organizations or arts organizations which may come into existence hereafter.

(4) Encourage and assist in the formation and activities of local community arts councils.

(5) Provide technical and consultative assistance to arts organizations throughout the State.

(6) Assist, both logistically and financially, in the touring of outstanding professional performances and exhibitions of art, from within and outside the State, to communities throughout the State.

(7) Make awards for excellence in the arts.